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NAZIS SUFFER SERIOUS LOSSES IN RUSSIA: SITUATION ANALYSED

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, AUG. 10 (UP).—AUTHORITATIVE CIRCLES TO-DAY ASSERTED THAT REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME OF HOSTILITIES, THE NAZIS HAVE SUFFERED SERIOUS MATERIAL AS WELL AS PSYCHOLOGICAL SETBACKS WHICH ARE ALMOST CERTAIN TO HAVE A PROFOUND INFLUENCE ON HITLER'S FUTURE COURSE.

There appears to be no doubt now but what German calculations have been drastically upset by Russia's strong resistance to the mighty Nazi war machine. Although the German drive apparently gained some momentum during the last few days, Hitler still has yet to achieve a single major objective in the Soviet Union.

INTERLUDE IN THAILAND

BANGKOK, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—After a most critical fortnight, members of the Cabinet and diplomats are for the first time sitting back mopping their brows, collecting their thoughts, and sorting them out to-day.

A typically shrewd unofficial Thai comment is: "True, we have just been through a hell of a bad time, but it also served to show who our friends are. Of course, we know that we are not yet out of the wood."

Nazi Plot In Chile Uncovered

SANTIAGO, CHILE, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—It is officially stated that a Nazi plot has been discovered in southern Chile. Several German leaders have been arrested in the towns of Frutillas, Llanquihue, Puerto Varas.

The arrests followed house searches. A quantity of propaganda matter has been seized. The Minister of the Interior is to make a statement.

DEFENDER LOST BUT CREW SAFE

LONDON, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—An Admiralty communique announces that the destroyer Defender (attached to the China Station at the outbreak of war) has been sunk with no loss of life.

The Defender was commanded by Lieut-Comdr G. L. Farnfield.

Mediterranean Coasts Ravaged By R.A.F.

CAIRO, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—Heavy R.A.F. attacks on Italian aerodromes in Greece and Sicily as well as in Libya figure in the latest R.A.F. communique.

It says: "Libya.—During Saturday night our bombers attacked several enemy targets in North Africa. Three large fires, accompanied by violent explosions and flying debris, occurred at Tripoli where the dock area was raided. Fires in the neighbourhood of the power-house were visible for a considerable distance from the target.

"Bardia was attacked by an R.A.F. bomber formation and also by aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm. Bombs obtained hits on motor transport yard, causing explosions and a number of fires.

Even if the Russian resistance does break within the next few weeks, and the Germans have overrun most of European Russia, the Nazis will still have fallen short on one of their presumed main objectives to secure the vast Ukraine grain supplies to feed the German conquered territories this winter. According to reports here the Russian resistance has enabled the collective farmers to harvest a large part of the crop and much of that which could not be reaped was destroyed.

IS ROT SETTING IN?

Soviets Claim Nazis
Want To Pack Up

MOSCOW, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—An appeal by captured German prisoners to their comrades to surrender is quoted in a supplement to a Soviet communique.

The supplement describes how the 370th German Regiment of the 63rd Division, which was shipped to Finland from Narvik, attacked a Russian unit and was repulsed with heavy losses from artillery and machine-gun fire and then surrounded.

Many German soldiers, it says, tried to escape, jumped into a lake to swim to the opposite shore but were shot by Russian snipers. The remainder surrendered in large groups.

Senseless Struggle

A number of prisoners addressed letters to their comrades of the 63rd Division, urging them to surrender. The letter says: "We were thrown from Norway into a senseless and fatal war against Soviet Russia in northern forests and marshes. We do not wish to die to enable Mannerheim and his accomplices to acquire Karelian colonies. The Finnish people hate us and the Russian people meet us with deadly fire. Hitler will perish. It is no use undying your destinies with the destiny of a doomed adventurer. You have an opportunity of saving your lives for your families and liberating Germany."

In addition to this, the stand of the Red Army has admittedly cost Germany heavily in casualties and war materials. All these factors have combined to greatly lessen the attempted invasion of Britain.

At the same time, Britain has been able to conduct unrelenting air attacks against German industrial and military targets which has doubtless, at least in a small measure, injured them. Even the Red air force in recent days has managed to pierce Goering's supposedly impregnable air defences.

In the Atlantic, Britain's position has shown unquestionable improvement and new figures on shipping losses to be released by the Admiralty soon will show, it is reported, that Britain is continuing to gain in the critical Battle of the Atlantic.

Southern Front

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—Berlin correspondents cite military opinion that the fresh German success in the Ukraine is so comprehensive that Russian abandonment of the great curve of Dnieper, Odessa and the Black Sea coast is considered imminent by the German High Command.

The Germans are straining every effort to reach Odessa and Nikolai, from where it will be possible to threaten Russia's chief armament centre, but it is pointed out that the victors already won do not mean that a decision has yet been achieved in these extensive operations in the Ukraine.

As regards Marshal Timoshenko's appeal to the local population to destroy anything likely to be useful to the invader, it is pointed out that the German military authorities do not assume responsibility for the feeding and the safety of populations where guerrilla sabotage is practised.

The "Nykhet's" correspondent says that reports show that guerrilla bands are still active behind the German front.

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AIR LOSSES FOR WEEK COMPARED

LONDON, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—The Axis Powers lost 57 planes and the R.A.F. 52 in Western Europe and Middle East during the last week.

Indications of intensive attacks by the R.A.F. over Germany compared with slight Luftwaffe activity over Britain are reflected in the fact that British night losses over Germany and occupied territory were 27 bombers.

Germany lost one bomber at night and two in daylight over Britain. In daylight sweeps across the Channel, 24 British fighters failed to return and 35 German fighters were destroyed. Another German fighter was shot down by a British bomber at night.

The British lost only one machine in the Middle East, where 16 Axis aircraft were destroyed. The Navy accounted for another two enemy planes.

Over Greece

"Greece.—Heavy bombers attacked the aerodrome at Eleusis, starting a fire which is believed to have destroyed a number of aircraft.

"Sicily.—Bombs were dropped on the harbour at Catania on Friday. A 2,000-ton motor vessel at the quay-side was damaged by bombs on and near it.

"From all these operations, our aircraft returned safely."

The Russian War Front

The Germans are still being well held on all sectors of the long Eastern war front, according to latest Russian claims. The Nazis are attempting a new offensive in the Ukraine, but have made but slight progress. Elsewhere the invaders have been stalled.

Vichy About To Make Final Ties with Nazis

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—According to the Berlin correspondent of the newspaper "Demokraten," political circles there believe that the Vichy discussions concern, besides the political relations of France and the Tripartite Alliance, a certain degree of military collaboration, including the defence of France's colonial possessions with German help.

It is believed that Admiral Darlan is willing but that Marshal Petain is hesitant. General Weygand probably shares Marshal Petain's views.

Admiral Darlan realises that such an agreement means rupture with the United States but is willing to take the consequences.

Berlin believes that Vichy's next step will be to join the Tripartite Alliance following a definite replacement of the Armistice by peace.

The United States' alleged intentions in West Africa are the subject of lively discussion. Berlin expects American action in the near future.

Political Aspects

VICHY, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—"Political questions" played an important part in the Vichy Ministers' discussions on Saturday, according to a Vichy news agency statement. "For some time," the statement continues, "the press in the occupied zone has been developing the idea that a general re-shuffling of the Government is necessary if a new impulse is given to general policy, especially foreign policy. In any case, the problems of external and internal policy seem to be closely linked. The subjects which formed part of yesterday's deliberations are able to be examined under this double aspect.

"Great importance continues to be attached to the part which M. Joseph Barthelmy, Minister of Justice, played in the exchanges of views. It is rumoured that he is the author of a report of a juridical nature regarding the application of the Armistice terms."

Unofficial Meeting

VICHY, Aug. 10 (UP).—Members of the French Cabinet held an unofficial meeting at 5 p.m. to-day after Marshal Petain's return from the race where he spent the afternoon.

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CHUNGKING AIR RAIDS

Foreign Property Hit

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
CHUNGKING, Aug. 10 (UP).—A giant bomb penetrated the three-storey residence of the American Methodist Mission at 10.25 a.m. to-day, demolished the entire middle section of the building, and blew the plaster off of all the nearby Mission establishments.

In the sixth air raid since Friday, nine Japanese planes at 3.20 p.m. bombed the area around the British Ambassador's residence, which was badly damaged.



Latest Official Russian Reports On Fighting

Soviet Guerillas Active: Nazi Tank Unit Smashed

MOSCOW, Aug. 10 (UP).—The Soviet Information Bureau this evening announced that a Red Army unit under command of Major Buslayev smashed a column of Fascist tanks which proceeded during the night time toward one sector of the front. Thirty damaged tanks remained on the battlefield.

Queen Elizabeth Speaks To People Of America

LONDON, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—"Hardship has only steeled our hearts and strengthened our resolution," declared Her Majesty the Queen in a special broadcast to-night addressed to the American people.

"However great the cost, however long the struggle, justice, freedom, human dignity and kindness shall not perish from the earth."

The text of the broadcast follows: "It is just over two years ago since I spoke to the American people and my purpose then was to thank countless friends for much kindness. It is to those same friends, and even of greater kindness, that I want to speak to-day.

We, like yourselves, love peace and have not devoted years behind us to the planning of death destruction. As yet save in the valour of our people, we have not matched our TURN to Back Page, Column 4

LONDON, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—R.A.F. formations flew across the Channel to Northern France this morning and again during the afternoon.

An R.A.F. formation which swept across the Channel this afternoon flying in the direction of the French coast between Boulogne and Calais was stated by spectators to be very large.

Shipping Raided
LONDON, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—An attack on German shipping and sweeps over Northern France are reported in an Air Ministry communique issued to-day.

It states: "R.A.F. fighters escorted Eilenheim bombers in an attack on enemy shipping off the French coast this morning. A supply ship was hit twice and left burning. An enemy fighter was destroyed by the escort.

Two of our bombers and one fighter are missing.

"Our fighters also carried out several sweeps over Northern France during the day. No opposition from enemy fighters was encountered."

U. S. Property In Reich
ZURICH, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—The Berlin correspondent of the "Die Tat" says that according to an official decree, all property in Germany and occupied territories belonging to American citizens must be declared by October 1.

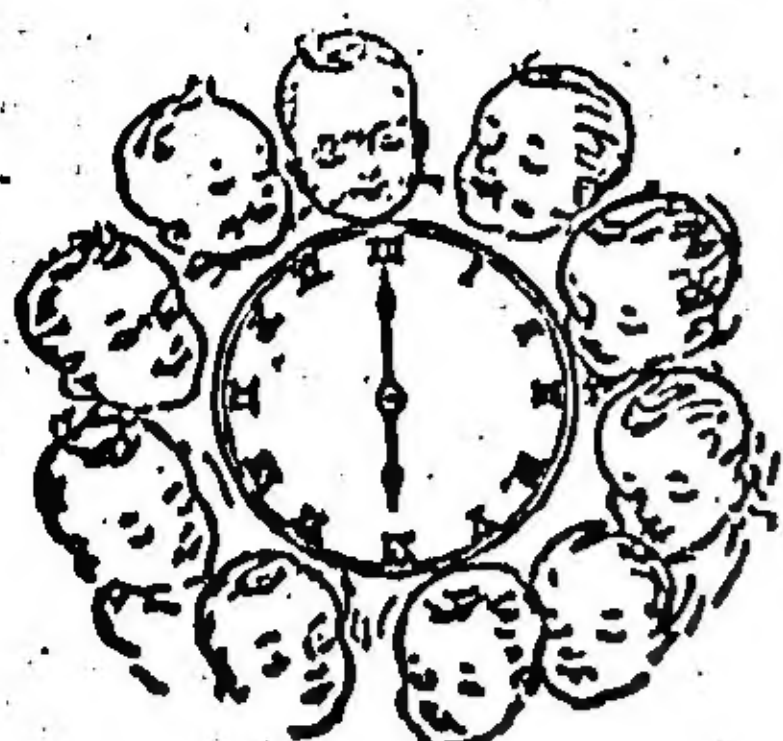
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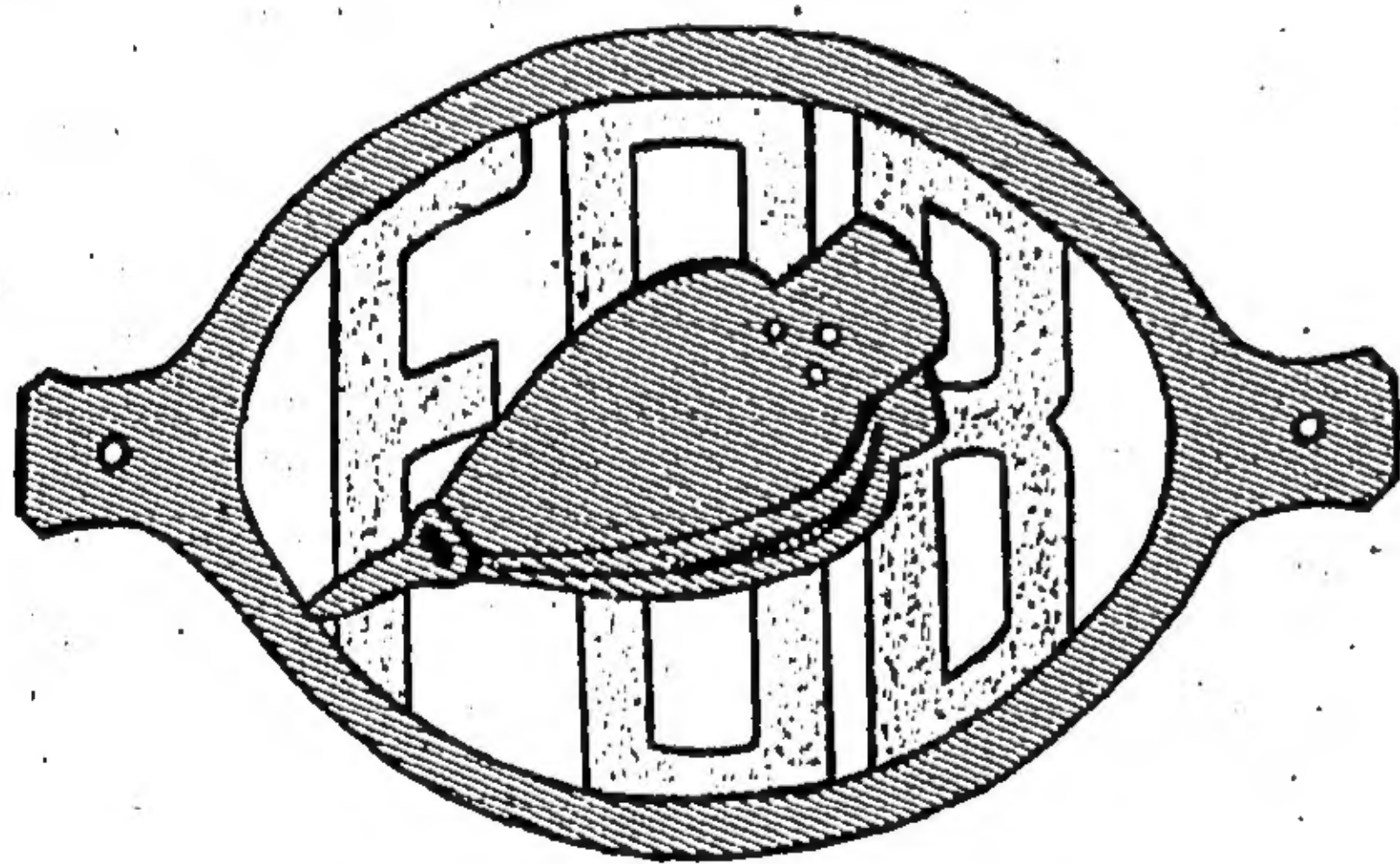
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WARTIME ECONOMICS

LORD Moyne's instructions to the Colonies on war time economics make impressive reading, but just how far they can be applied in Hongkong without upsetting the Colony's economic equilibrium is difficult to anticipate. Undoubtedly there has been an excessive consumption of what can be regarded as non-essentials during a war, but unhappily, it is just these products which have hitherto contributed so much towards Hongkong's financial stability; they are not only revenue producing, but they are the means of employment which would be hard to replace.

It is Hongkong's misfortune that she possesses no great industries which can be converted into essential war productions. Her commerce is that of retailing which depends upon imports. Restriction of those imports must have repercussions likely to involve unemployment and a consequent decrease in living standards. What local industries there are have already been severely hit by shipping restrictions and the gradual but consistent decline in trade figures must be recognised as symptomatic.

The sneaking regard which the authorities have always possessed for income tax in Hongkong will receive further stimulus from Lord Moyne's suggestion that taxation on these lines be brought much closer to the United Kingdom level. In point of fact the only opposition to the introduction of income tax among the more enlightened members of the community is based on the absence of guarantees that it will be applied equitably, or without involving expenditure out of proportion to revenue. Fundamentally income tax will always be regarded as the best form of taxation.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies also desires a great propaganda drive for investing in war savings schemes based on the paramount need of avoiding luxury expenditure. Hongkong is at one with Lord Moyne over this, but the Colony still awaits official announcement of

THE SINKING OF THE GERMAN BATTLESHIP BISMARCK has profoundly altered the balance of naval power in Northern Europe. Germany had two recently completed battleships of the most powerful type, the Bismarck and her sister ship the Tirpitz. Two other war vessels of this type are under construction but the first cannot be ready for at least twelve months and probably more. The large battle-cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau are lying seriously disabled in the Brest dockyard. This means that Germany has only one heavy warship ready for action.

It will be necessary for the Tirpitz to remain available for naval defence in the Baltic. If she is sent on commerce raiding expeditions into the Atlantic and anything happens to her, then the Russian Baltic Fleet will be in a position to exercise naval command of the whole of the Baltic.

RUSSIAN BALTIC FLEET

Much money has been spent and trouble taken to make the Russian-Baltic Fleet efficient in recent years and it is known that great progress has been made. At present it consists of two old but powerful battleships.

NEW BALANCE OF NAVAL POWER

By Lord Strabolgi

These are the Marat and the Oktabrskaya-Revolutsia (October Revolution) and four large modern cruisers of the Kirov class. There are a number of smaller warships, including thirty modern torpedo-boat-destroyers and about a hundred submarines.

Apart from the Tirpitz the German Fleet consists of two pocket battleships, one of which is known to have been badly damaged by torpedo attack, three heavy cruisers, one being the Prince Eugen, and four or five light cruisers.

There is also the Swedish Fleet to be taken into account. For coastal work among the islands and straits of the Baltic the Swedish Navy is formidable. It consists of one modern cruiser, the Gotland, and five heavily armed coast defence

ships which could give a good account of themselves against any vessel of war in the German Navy with the exception of the Tirpitz. In addition the Swedish Navy has five old coast defence ships, twelve torpedo-boat-destroyers, ten large submarines and six small submarines. No doubt the Swedish whole problem of trade defence against surface raiders has now been eased.

SHIPS FOR PACIFIC

There will now be a larger margin of large and powerful warships to act as a striking force against any attempt at invasion of the British Islands. If less of the more powerful warships are required for trade protection more will be available for actual defence of the British Isles. These very large warships, with their strong deck-armor and powerful batteries of anti-aircraft guns, are less vulnerable to attack from the air than are the cruisers four of which have been sunk in the Mediterranean by bombing from aeroplanes since the first attack on Greece by Italy last October.

ATLANTIC SAFE

The ever-present threat of German fast battleships reaching the Atlantic trade routes by making use of the Norwegian coast has had a serious effect on British naval strategy. There was always the possibility that the Bismarck and Tirpitz in company could appear on the trade routes, and there attack important convoys carrying war material from the U.S.A. to Britain.

It had been necessary to escort the more important convoys with British battleships to meet this very threat. Two of the most powerful units in the British Fleet were in the middle of the Atlantic on convoy duty when the Bismarck was first located in the Denmark Channel between Iceland and Greenland. They were able to detach themselves from their convoy and take part in the strategic dispositions for the interception of the Bismarck.

Now that only the Tirpitz is left, even supposing the German

HITLER'S ARMY OF HEATHENS

By Charles E. Hewitt

Former President of the
Foreign Correspondents'
Association of Germany

"ONWARD, PAGAN SOLDIERS!" is the battle-song to which Hitler's juggernaut is rolling across the map of Europe.

But Nazi paganism has roused its own executioner—world Christianity uniting to-day in holy anger and a sacred resolve to smash Hitler's heathen hosts and confound them for all time.

Hitler's ruthless armies are the first pagan soldiers to pour across the map of Europe for centuries.

Hitler has laboured tirelessly for six long years to make them so. For their paganism has been as vital a part of his rearmament as any of Krupp's giant cannon.

Secret-Police Chief Himmler is leading pagan of the Third Reich, and has organised his army of 300,000 Blackshirts in strict accordance. For three years all members have had to resign from Catholic and Protestant Churches and avow paganism.

THEIR PAGAN CREED

HERE are three of the twenty-five tenets in the official German heathen creed.

To propagate the faith Hitler has mustered over a thousand heathen chaplains into the ranks of the German Army.

1.—We believe no more in the Holy Spirit. We believe in the Holy Blood.
2.—The Holy Land for us is Germany. And its everlasting Empire.
3.—Life brings a Holy Germanic trinity: battle, labour and love. For these are one and inseparable: we love battle—which brings us our great work and our highest joy.

In 1933 nearly 50 per cent. of all German schools were Church schools giving Christian education. To-day not one Church school remains.

Fitting symbol to action, the Reich under the orders of Hitler simultaneously removed the crucifixes which used to hang in each room of the old schools, and replaced them—by national decree—by a bust or picture of Hitler and a swastika.

One portion of the Reich fighting forces, the Brownshirts, has had its own heathenised version of the "Ten Commandments" since 1935.

It is the ritual sworn to by each annual muster of Storm-Troopers and party officials, and begins with the following oath, paraphrased from the Christian Creed—where it deals with the Saviour:

"I believe in my Fuehrer not with my understanding, but with my heart and soul."

"GERMAN PRAYER"

A "GERMAN Prayer" has for years been on the daily regimen of all schools. It is recited in unison by the class both at the opening and close of each session.

"Guard Adolf Hitler every day
From all our Fuehrer threaten may."

Thou send'st him in our greatest need;
Preserve him, German God, we plead."

Indoor services are regularly held throughout the Reich, always in secular surroundings—in school-houses, gymnasiums, sport auditoriums, and in giant beer-halls.

Nevertheless, much of the traditional Christian forms has been retained. The official "German Heathen Creed," for instance, is couched in verses. Here are two of them:

The German people need no Bible, a book of Jews. Our Holy Scripture is the old Nordic sagas and hero-tales. In our hundred per cent. Nordic heathenism and our thoroughly German Church, St Paul himself could not be admitted as pastor—nor even as a sexton. Neither could that other Jew—Jesus Christ.

WEDDING GIFT

CHRISTIAN marriage has been tossed into the scrap-heap. By law, every wedding must to-day be performed before a bust or picture of Hitler—and each couple presented, after the ceremony, with a copy of "Mein Kampf."

So completely, indeed, has heathenism identified itself with the new Germany that it has obtained a deep and real hold on millions of German men and women.

Here is an extract from a speech by a prominent school-master, Sackel, in Southern Germany, but it may be heard from the lips of thousands of German soldiers—or any other group in the population—any day in the week:

"The True Christianity of Nazism has brought us a new Gospel, the Programme of the Fuehrer."

"Our religion creates strong men, does not preserve and pamper the weak. The National Socialist takes the standpoint that our Lord God is he who bestowed upon us Adolf Hitler."

Yes! heathenism, like Hitler's own fanaticism, is one of the factors in Europe's second world war.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

How to Play
AND
How to Win
By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON

Restraint Needed

MOST defenders get a sort of fien-dish joy out of over-ruffing the dealer. Whether this over-ruff is cured gave him and his partner a advisable or not rarely interests them; it is enough apparently that they can take a trick which he expected to add to his pile.

There are many situations that call for stern restraint on the part of a defender. To wit: Match-point duplicate. North-South vulnerable. North dealer.

There was excellent reason for this bad East-West score. First, as noted above, West should have doubled; second, he should have defeated the contract two tricks, for 500 points.

The over-ruff of declarer's trump ten had been West's fatal error. What was the point? Surely, West could not lose his queen of trumps, triply guarded, and there might be definite advantage in maintaining his trump position. There was! The proper play was to let declarer win with the trump ten. He then would probably lead the singleton club toward dummy (not that any other play would help him). West would go up with the ace and merely exit—without a low trump, for example. Dummy's ace and East's nine would fall on this trick, and now West would have the Q 8 5 of trumps over declarer's K J 7 and others. In short, with three tricks home, West would still have two sure trump tricks coming to him.

There is nothing complicated about this situation, but since it seems to elude thousands of players, I commend it to my readers' attention.

To-morrow's Hand
Rubber bridge.
Both sides vulnerable.
South dealer.

♠ A 8 6
♥ A
♦ 9 5 4 3
♣ K J 7 4 3
N 1007
W 9852
E 87
S A Q 8 6
♠ K Q 4
♥ K J 10 7 6 4 3
♦ 8 2
♣ 9
The bidding:
North 1♠ East 1♥ South 1♥ West 2♥
Pass Pass Pass Pass
South's jump to four hearts was a bit of a stretch despite his seven-card suit and strength in spades. Three hearts would have been sufficiently aggressive. West should have doubled four hearts; his own hand was very fair and his partner had put in a diamond bid.

The diamond king was opened; East correctly overtook and continued with the queen and jack. From declarer's point of view, the contract depended on finding the queen of hearts, only singly guarded, in East's hand; hence, he correctly ruffed the third diamond with the jack. This created too much of a temptation for West who promptly over-ruffed with the queen and returned a spade. The ace won and the trump ace was cashed; then declarer led a spade to his king and drew West's remaining 8-5 of trumps with the K-10. Of course, at a four hearts doubled contract West set the contract with the club with South the declarer?

RADIO SPIES GUIDE RAF

Defying the Germans, secret mobile radio stations in Holland are constantly keeping the R.A.F. informed of targets for our bombers—troop concentrations, arms dumps, and camouflaged airports.

Mr John Maloney, a United States Red Cross official, who has spent months in German-occupied Europe, reveals this in an article in "The American Magazine." He tells how, after repeated R.A.F. attacks on arms dumps at Den Helder, the Germans moved the ammunition to a forest 20 miles inland.

Forty-two hours after the removal had been completed, the new dump was destroyed by British bombs.

Mr Maloney, who had access to influential people and confidential material in Hitler's Europe, saw for himself how secret armies of unlettered civilians are already striking back at their conquerors.

Victims Reprisals. "Enough hatred," he says, "is being stored up in the invaded nations to tear the Nazis to shreds if their campaign once slips."

He saw, too, something of the viciousness with which the Nazis combat sabotage. One hundred and sixteen workers in the Skoda works at Pilsen, for instance, were executed in one month because guns they had been forced to make burst after a few rounds.

The guns, Mr Maloney discovered, were made of steel which had been spoiled when the workers added sulphur and zinc to the molten metal. In Poland, he heard how scores of oil cans were tapped and emptied.

Vast Prison. "During recent months spent in occupied territory," he adds, "I have talked to many German officials who were not blind to the fact that the military forces, with their following of Gestapo agents, have turned Europe into a vast prison and filled it with fear and smouldering hate."

"All over the Continent subjugated peoples are beginning to find ingenious ways of frustrating their unwanted 'protectors.'"

"German nervousness and tension are increasing."

Basketball

Indian Police In Week-end Surprise

The Indian Police created an upset in the Basketball League at the Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A. on Saturday when they beat the Black Cats, by 32-31. In the second game, Sing Tao found little difficulty in beating Bank Union by 60-20.

The Black Cats were completely off form and failed to take advantage of the more openings left by the Police hoopers. The Police on the other hand did far better than their opponents and played a better game than in their first encounter against the National University.

To-night, the V.R.C. engers will be seen in action for the first time in the League. They will meet Yu Leung. Prior to the V.R.C.-Yu Leung match, Wah Kiu will meet Ping Ching.

Judging from their performance in their match against Bank Union, whom they beat by 44 points to 28, Wah Kiu should find little difficulty in beating Ping Ching to-night.

League Standings

Team	P	W	L	Pts
South China	1	4	0	16
National University	2	3	1	12
Chinese Y.M.C.A.	3	2	2	8
Residents' Union	4	1	3	4
Wah Kiu	5	1	4	4
Black Cats	6	0	5	0
Yu Leung	7	0	5	0
Sing Tao	8	0	5	0
Indian Police	9	0	5	0
Bank Union	10	0	5	0
V.R.C.	11	0	5	0

Japanese Raid Over Kunming

KUNMING, Aug. 10 (Central News).—Twenty-six Japanese planes raided Kunming at noon to-day. Kept at an altitude of about 5,000 feet by Chinese anti-aircraft fire, the raiders dropped over 100 bombs indiscriminately, causing more than 10 casualties and demolishing about 100 houses.

Shock For Every Girl In Uniform

Girls in the A.T.S. Waifs and Wrens are going to be hit harder than anyone by the new clothes rationing order.

The "Sunday Pictorial" understands that they won't get any coupons at all.

Those who liked to wear their own "undies" will now have to wear the ones officially issued to them. Many girls complain that these fit badly. Men and girls joining the Services from now will have to surrender their clothing coupons to a responsible military, naval or Air Force authority.

THEY SAVED HER VEIL

Here's the story of one happy occasion the blitz has not been able to spoil.

On the way to the office a London girl reporter stopped for a moment to watch some demolition workers clearing away the last remains of a row of bombed houses.

One of the shovellers uncovered a small tissue-paper parcel. He picked it up and gently unwrapped it, then called to his four mates. They had found a treasure.

On going closer, the reporter saw the most perfect, unsoiled wedding veil and orange blossom headpiece.

Nobody said a word, but grubby hands fingered it almost reverently. And anxiously asked: "Have you found my wedding clothes yet?"

LONDON, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—Lord Willington, who has been ill at his London home with pneumonia for some days, was stated to-night to be "very much the same."

Swiss Leaving Shanghai

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—SHANGHAI, Aug. 10 (Dome).—It is learned that the evacuation of the consular Swiss in Shanghai is being undertaken by the Swiss Consulate acting under the instructions of the Tokyo Legation.

It is expected that the Swiss in Japan are evacuating to join the group leaving Shanghai. The number of Swiss evacuees will not be large, the colony in Shanghai totaling only 450.

WANG CHING-WEI SHAI PAPER IS BURNT OUT

CHUNGKING, Aug. 10 (Central News).—Owing to the heavy damage sustained as a result of the bombing of its office yesterday, the "Central China Daily," Wang Ching-wei's paper in Shanghai, failed to appear to-day and may not be able to resume publication for some time.

Three incendiary and explosive bombs were secretly brought in by patriotic workers of the paper. The explosions set the large stock of newsprint on fire and the whole four-story building soon caught the flames.

The fire lasted for more than four hours. It was seen even on the south banks of the Soochow Creek. Settlement Police and Japanese gendarmes threw a cordon around the place and stopped all traffic.

The total damage is estimated at approximately \$2,500,000.

Parachute Ace, Left £5,000, Is Pilot Now

Gwynne Johns, record-breaking parachutist of peacetime, is back in the news to-day because (1) he has become a wartime pilot, and (2) he has been left £5,000.

The A.T.A.—Air Transport Auxiliary—have accepted Johns as a pilot (ferrying planes), and he said:—

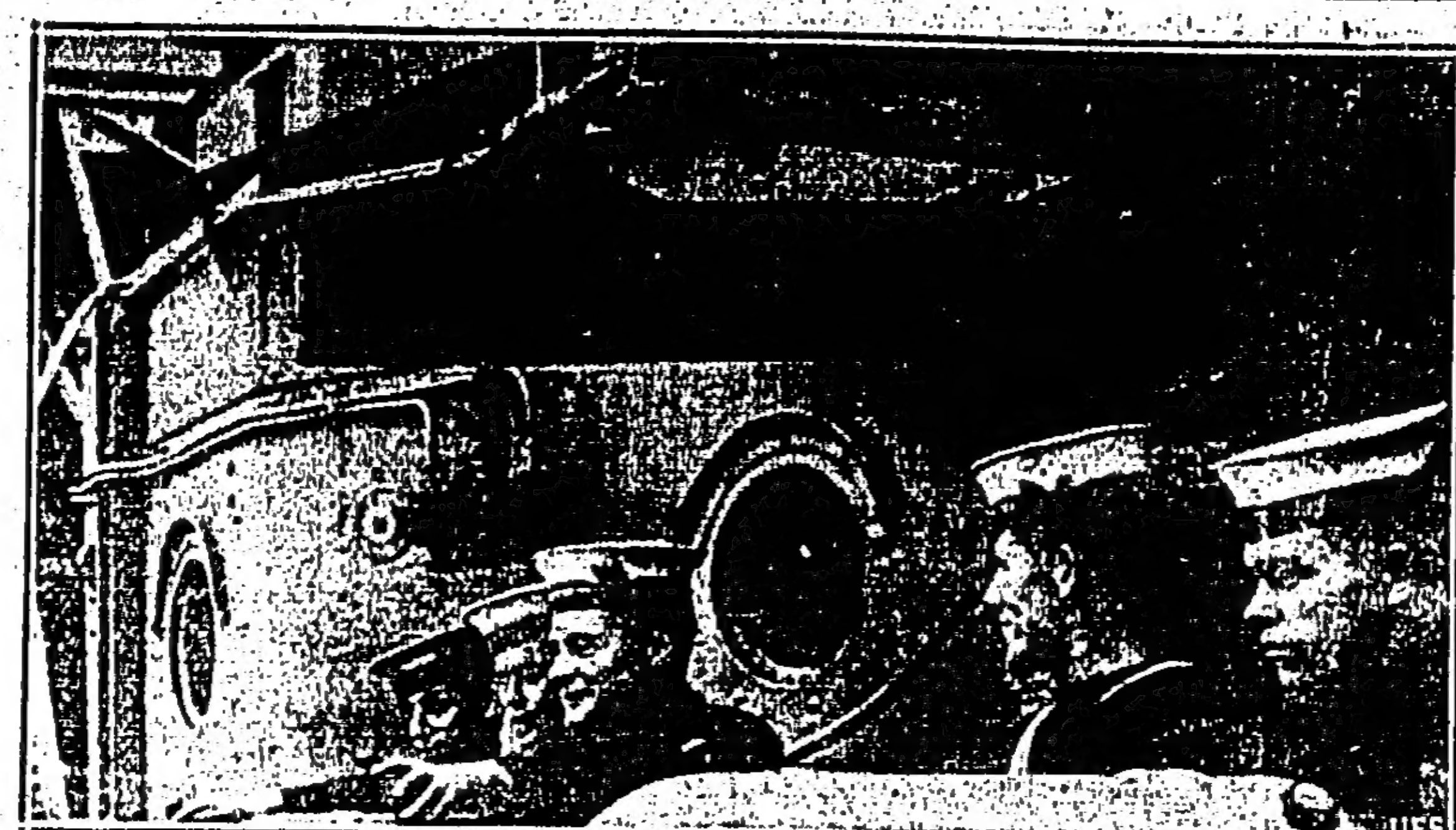
"I am delighted. You see, I have some trouble with my eyes that kept me out of the R.A.F.—and I am happiest in the air."

A woman—Mrs Ada Ball, 77-year-old widow of a civil servant—has left Johns £5,000 on trust, and he said:—

"She used to tell me, 'I regard you as my son.'"

They met Mrs Ball and Johns, when they lived at the same hotel at Bournemouth.

She loved to hear his stories of parachute-jumping, and he often drove her to watch his performances.



THEY SANK BISMARCK—Final explosives that sent Nazi battleship Bismarck plunging beneath waves were fired by crew of British cruiser Dorsetshire. Above, cruiser arrives at unnamed port in England and sailors grin broadly for their part in battle.

School Certificate Examination Lists

The Education Department issued yesterday the results of the recent school Certificate examinations. Some schools have long lists of successes; but one had no pass at all. The lists follow:

GIRLS

Belles Public School

Honours.—392 Lau Yuk-ning, 533 Luke Hing-chun, 587 Ng Mo-lan.
Pass.—67 Chan Shun-yin, 68 Chan Wai-yin, 102 Chau Tsin-lai, 110 Cheng Kai-ming, 114 Cheng Shuk-king, 150 Chiu Wai-yin, 174 Chu Seen-sau, 232 Fung Wai-man, 281 Ip Chul-man, 389 Lam Lai-ching, 498 Lo Chung-yin, 505 Lo Kam-siu, 537 Ma Sui-man, 592 Ng Shu-fong, 681 Shum Shuk-lui, 745 Tse Wai-tai, 782 Wong Chiu-yung, 813 Wong Ngan-wan, 849 Wu Wai-lin, 850 Wu Wai-ling, 892 Yuen Hing-yue, 902 Yung Ming-lun.

Diocesan Girls' School

Honours.—83 Teresa Chan, 331 Patricia Kotewall, 522 Marquerite Logan, 780 Edna Wong.
Pass.—143 Jane Chiu, 144 Joyce Chiu, 225 Nannie Fung, 234 Winnie Fung, 246 Cecilia Ho, 258 Mary Lau, 303 Elsa Laurel, 405 David Lee, 418 Ruby Lee, 429 Violet Lee, 450 Magdalene Leung, 484 Doris Liang, 488 Alice Lim, 560 Jacqueline Matthews, 572 Margaret Tyson Moraes, 847 Corinne Wu, 848 Irene Wu.

Frederick Convent School

Pass.—11 Janelle Arculli, 284 Marion Fung, 288 Stella Ho, 333 Winnie Kow, 409 Jenny Lee, 498 Florence Lo, 506 Irene Mok, 588 Pauline Ng, 613 Priscilla Pires, 780 Gloria Wong, 809 Mabel Wong.

Holy Spirit School

Honours.—501 Jennie Lo, 686 Sheila Sun.

Pass.—47 Emily Chan, 580 Colleen Ng, 687 Grace Sung, 727 Iris Tsang, 731 Rose Tsang, 820 Rosemary Wong, 830 Virginia Wong.

Maryknoll Convent School

Honours.—104 Helena d'Almeida, 230 Victoria Fung, 875 Irene Young.
Pass.—27 Teresa Barradas, 48 Fannie Chan, 636 Maria Rodrigues, 642 Lydia T. Rozario, 814 Elfrida Sales, 864 Hilda Silva, 888 Lillian Wong, 899 Teresa Wong.

Sacred Heart School

Honours.—821 Anna Wong Shueung-lin, 857 Louise Yau Yee-man.
Pass.—20 Isabel Au-yung Cheung-lin, 61 Janet Chan Lai-hing, 96 Esther Chan Yuen-yue, 116 Maggie Cheng Wai-chi, 120 Amy Cheung Kwai-kit, 140 Lee Ching Chiu-yin, 152 Sarah Chiu Yuen-yue, 179 Maggie Chui Man-kay, 188 Angelina Chung Shu-ching, 260 Patricia Ho Lai-wan, 336 Ladda Kutrakul, 399 Amy Lee Ah-mui, 432 Anita Lee Wai-lan, 491 Philomena Lee, 508 Fung Lo Ching-ching, 563 Pitylla Medina, 585 Fanny Ng Lai-fong, 611 Ruby Pavri, 623 Patsy Pau Wai-fong, 674 Kathleen So Hau-chu, 713 Margaret Tatz, 715 Irene Teilis, 719 Iris Tong Chiu-fong, 768 Alice Wong Shui-hung, 826 Anita Wong Shui-hung, 872 Teresa Yip May-ching, 880 Amelia Young Wai-ken.

St Mary's School

Honours.—5 Margarida Alves, 103 Teresa Maria Chow Tuen-man, 571 Kathleen Mok Yuen-tak, 844 Frances Wan Yuen-yee, 854 Agnes Yau Hwung-giat.

Pass.—56 Elizabeth Chan Kit-yuk, 75 Barbara Chan Shun-hing, 187 Anna Chung Sau-lin, 193 Simplicita Dacanay, 198 Celeste Socorro d'Azevedo, 216 Susie Fung Cheuk-yung, 237 Elfrida Bertha Garcia, 238 Chung Yuen-mei, 247 Mary Hau Ching-yee, 298 Nora Ip Ming-kune, 354 Sarah Teresa Kwong Lail-chung, 427 Nancy Lee Sui-wan, 433 Dolly Lee Wai-ping, 514 Odette Lo Shih-lung, 557 Marie Adalade Marcal, 559 Celeste Maria Marques, 728 Norma Tsang Yuen-wan, 855 Mary Yau Chiu-ying, 880 Lily Yau Fong-ling.

St Stephen's Girls' College

Honours.—74 Chan Shuk-kai, 109 Josephine Cheng, 297 Laura Ip, 375 Lam Shu-yee, 413 Marion Lee, 435 Lee Wing-kun, 469 Evelyn Li, 605 Betty Pung, 673 Yipp Kam-peng, 853 Doris Yu.

Ying Wa Girls' School

Honours.—684 Sun Mo-tak.
Pass.—10 Au Tin-ching, 267 Ho Shuk-chun, 325 Ko Miu-ling, 338 Kwan U-hin, 402 Lee Ching-ching, 449 Leung Cheung-ming, 541 Ma Yuen-mei, 694 Tam Kim-ching, 724 Tung-lai, 833 Wong Wai-ling, 843 Wong Yung-tsing, 887 Yung Yin-kee.

BOYS

Ching Hua College

Pass.—103 Chu Chiu-chung, 104 Chung Nam-sung.
Pass.—Nil.

Diocesan Boys' School

Honours.—705 Alphonse Vinh, 675 Chan Oi-tung, 79 Syokong Chan, 219 Fung Hon-yin, 255 Kenneth Ho, 288 Ip Cileng-hing, 307 Leonard Jernakoff, 318 John Kew, 387 Lau Ping-wah, 574 Raymond Moy, 638 Charles Rene Rossette, 780 Wong Cheung-lung, 781 Wong Ching-long, 907 Lewis Wong.

King's College

Honours.—181 Chung Cho-chak, 190 Chung U-ho, 210 Fong Nai-chim, 642 Kevin Ma-hing, 552 Man Kwok-lun, 718 To Sze-lee.

Pass.—44 Chan Man-kong, 100 Chau Kai-hang, 105 Chau Yiu-suen, 106 Chen Chung-tseik, 142 Chiu Iu-chung, 145 Chiu Kwok-hung, 148 Chiu Put-yau, 154 Choi Kai-fung, 162 Chow Ming-kee, 170 Chu Kar-kui, 173 Chiu Sai-chuen, 175 Chiu Wing-yuen, 218 Fung Foe-wan, 202 Ho Man-wa, 296 Ip Iu-fai, 301 Ip Shing-kam, 327 Ko Yu-hung, 335 Kung Yin-shu, 348 Kwok Tak-cheung, 376 Lam Yat-chiu, 388 Lau Po-hung, 391 Lau Wing-sum, 419 Lee Sau-yau, 420 Lee Suet-tai, 441 Leung Che-lu, 454 Leung Shih-chiu, 463 Leung Wood-shing, 467 Lew Shiu-chee, 470 Li Fai, 508 Lo Kwok-wa, 531 Lui Kwok-ting, 544 Mak Chi-keung, 551 Man Kar-yau, 578 Ng Cheuk-yee, 590 Ng Yat-hong, 602 Ngo Kut-cheung, 622 Poon Shiu-yim, 624 Poon Yam-kee, 628 Pong Ning-hung, 653 Shum Hei, 658 Shum Chai-sang, 671, Sit Chun-ki, 693 Tam Hok-keung, 747 Tsim Sui-ki, 750 Tsui Hon-chi, 758 Tung Shiu-kau, 759 Tung Wing-ching, 797 Wong Kam-shing, 800 Wong Ki-lim, 801 Wong Ki-shun, 824 Wong Shiu-to, 834 Wong Wai-man, 863 Yung Ping-long, 882 Yu Chan-mun, 885 Yuen Kwai-sang.

La Salle College

Honours.—1 Casimir Abdullah, 24 Enrique Avila, 197 Alfonso Henrique d'Almeida Remedios, 24 John Francisco, 242 Alan Ezra Goldenberg, 400 Liu Chik-lam, 633 Roberts Augusto dos Remedios, 680 Julian Bunard, 681 Luiz Souza.

Pass.—4 Fernando Maria Alves, 15 Au Kwong-men, 26 Francis Baptista, 30 Armando d'Almeida Botelho, 31 Chester Bush, 33 Alan Raymond Castro, 51 Chan Hay-yul, 54 Chan Kit-cheuk, 73 Chan Shui-hin, 84 John Chan Tsan-po, 112 Cheng Ping-cheung, 120 Cheong Sang-chek, 131 Cheung Sal-hung, 140 Chiu Pao-lou, 177 Tiampo Leoncio Chua, 185 Chung Kwok-ling, 196 Marcus Antonio d'Almeida, 223 Fung Kwok-sun, 224 Fung Kwok-yee, 233 Fung Wai-sun, 244 Antonio J. Goncalves, 245 Thomas Gutierrez, 246 Ronald Harcourt, 247 Henry Henri, 270 Ho Wai-ai, 280 Fred Hyndman, 290 Ip Chin-keung, 305 Freddy James, 341 Kwan Sit-cham, 372 Augustine Lam Fat-man, 380 Arthur Larcina, 381 Raymond Mathew Larson, 411 Lee Lit-kung, 412 Fernando Lee Man-kwong, 414 Lee Mui-hok, 429 Lee Tak-yeuk, 431 Joaquin Lee Wai-king, 434 Lee Wing-chek, 472 Li Hon-ching, 485 John Liew Wei-shan, 525 Leo Man-kit, 538 Paul Ma Shiu-chung, 539 Ma Tin-chow, 550 Ricardo Helder, 556 Sust Alfredo Manzo, 592 Ng Shui-long, 601 Ngan Sing-cho, 620 Poon Nai-pak, 625 Alberto Tomas, 662 Edwardo Antonio Silva, 665 Leonardo Manuel Silva, 668 Henry See Wai-tat, 702 Khuttrakul Tana, 705 Tang Fook-keung, 714 Frederic Tehang, 748 An-drew Tait Chuk-man, 755 Tsui Tze-dien, 762 Orlando Alexandre Vas, 764 William Henry Victor Ribeiro, 768 Wong Hung-chung, 832 Wong Wai-keung, 861 Young Yuen-chow, 866 Yu Luen-wai.

Munsang College

Pass.—370 Luo Wei-ching, 706 Tang Hon-cheung.

Queen's College

Honours.—69 Chan Po-fun, 230 Fung Yue-keung, 254 Ho Kam-moon, 342 Kwan Tai-yun, 494 Liu Yat-sun, 584 Ng Kwok-cheung, 703 Wong Hoi-shing, 709 Wong Kam-ling, 856 Yau Ka-yee.

Pass.—2 Sardar Ahmed, 13 Au June, 21 Au-yung Kwok-gin, 59 Chan Kwong-ming, 93 Chan Yiu-hung, 113 Cheng Ping-kin, 118 Cheng Yick-fai, 141 Chiu Chit-fook, 147 Chiu Ping-kin, 148 Chow Yau-keung, 207 Fok Yau-chai, 472 Ho Woon-wing, 300 Ip Po-chek, 320 Ko Cheuk-cham, 340 Kwan Pul-chor, 365 Lam Hung-wing, 401 Lee Chi-keung, 455 Leung Shiu-woon, 459 Leong Siu-wing, 462 Leung Tung-wai, 609 Lo Kwong-hung, 611 Lo Yau-ting, 617 Lo Sik-sun, 617 Lo Sik-sun, 653 Man Fel-shing, 555 Khan Mohammed, 567 Mok Man-til, 568 Mok Shiu-kwan, 594 Ng Sik-wah, 595 Shi Sik-kei, 609 Harcharn Singh, 670 Mehtab Singh, 675 So Ming-nam, 689 Sze-lo Chee-yun, 699 Tam Wai-tak, 722 Tsang Fan-yuk, 742 Tse So-yuk, 744 Tse Wai-yin, 770 Wang Hak-chun, 778 Wong Chee-ying, 783 Wong Chu-tim, 812 Wong Nai-yin, 829 Wong Tak-ho, 835 Wong Wai-pat, 858 Yau Wah-ping, 861 Yung Kam-pat, 880 Yung Shih-lun, 780 Yim Tse-sun, 902 Yung Wang.

Saiyungpan Vernacular School

For Boys

Pass.—10 Au Kwong-shui, 91 Chan Yan-wai, 215 Fu Suen-ki, 337 Kwan Hok-yuk, 477 Li Sui-oi, 884 Yu Kwong-kau.

St Joseph's College

Honours.—120 Cheung Kee-mee, 675 Salfie Kanyamali Hosenally, 803 Yuen Hok-kun.

Pass.—14 Au Kim-hung, 41 Chan Kok, 82 Chan Tak-yue, 95 Chan Yuen-ping, 98 William Chan, 151 Chiu Yat-kui, 213 Albert Vincent, 250 Gilbert, 250 Eric Ho, 257 Ho Kwai-king, 264 Ho Ping-kwan, 324 Ko Tsi-sang, 325 Kwan Yiu-kwan, 340 Kwok Lock-yiu, 355 Kwong Wai-pak, 358

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Airliners May Soon Cross Pacific in 48 Hours

Captain L. J. Brain, operations manager for Qantas Empire Airways, who organised the Pacific air ferry service which flew Catalina flying-boats from the United States to Australia, said recently that the time was not far distant when passenger-carrying airliners would cross the Pacific Ocean in 48 hours.

"That is no flight of fancy," he said. "If we can span the Pacific in a few days by daylight hops under existing conditions, it requires no great stretch of imagination to see the same journey being accomplished in two and a half or two days by adopting night flying."

Captain Brain was the pilot of the Catalina which inaugurated the Pacific ferry service last February. He also piloted the Catalina which set up a new speed record for the Pacific crossing from San Diego to Australia.

"I do not regard that so-called record flight as achievement of any great magnitude," he said. "We were not travelling particularly fast, nor did we fly at night. It is significant only in the sense that it points the way to the kind of ocean travel we may expect when the war is over."

Over In 48 Hours

"When that time comes, and regular commercial airlines are established between Australia and the American continent, we can confidently expect the journey to be accomplished in 48 hours. Even under present standards of long-distance air travel that would still be an attractive and comfortable journey. "Apart from the obvious war-time value of these trans-ocean flights, the Pacific ferry performed an especially useful function by developing and improving our technique of long-range ocean flying. It particularly created interest in the development of shortwave radio direction finding as a basis of trans-ocean navigation, and so paved the way for the long-range ocean airways of the future."

Captain Brain described the Catalinas as "very fine machines to handle and possessing no vices." They were an extremely modern type of aircraft in regular service with the United States navy. In type they resembled the Guba flying-boat, in which Captain P. G. Taylor made his historic air survey of the Indian

PAPER SOLD 10 COPIES

"Fritt Folk," official organ of the Norwegian quailings, sold only ten copies among the 5,000 population of Kabelvag, one of the largest towns on the Lofoten Islands.

This is revealed in a letter from the journal's head office at Oslo to their Kabelvag agent.

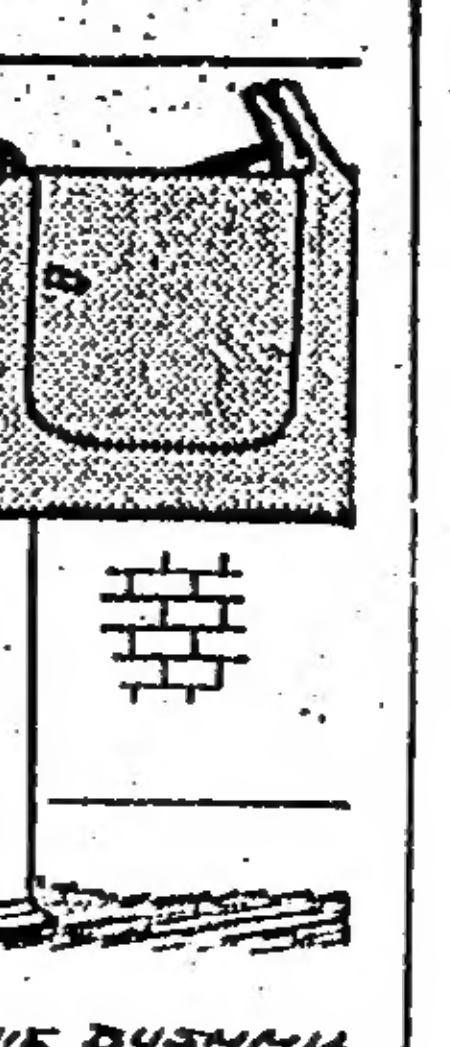
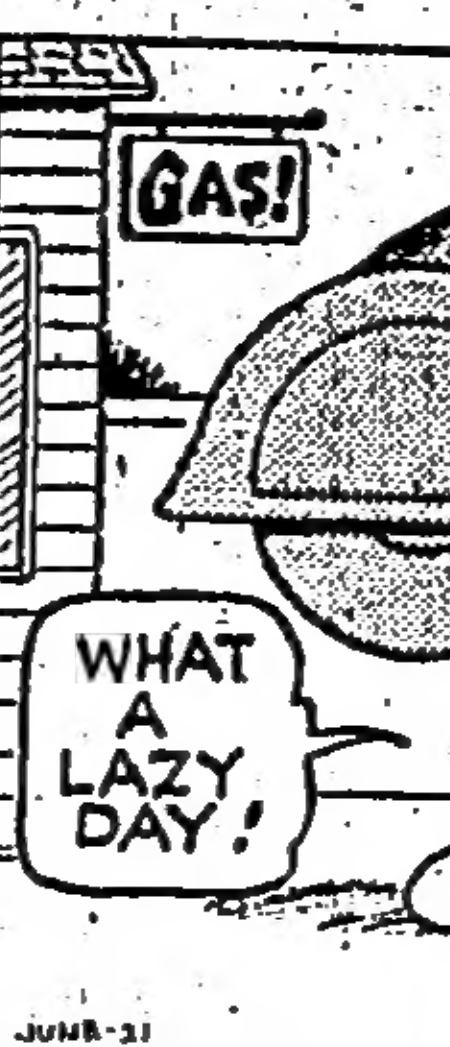
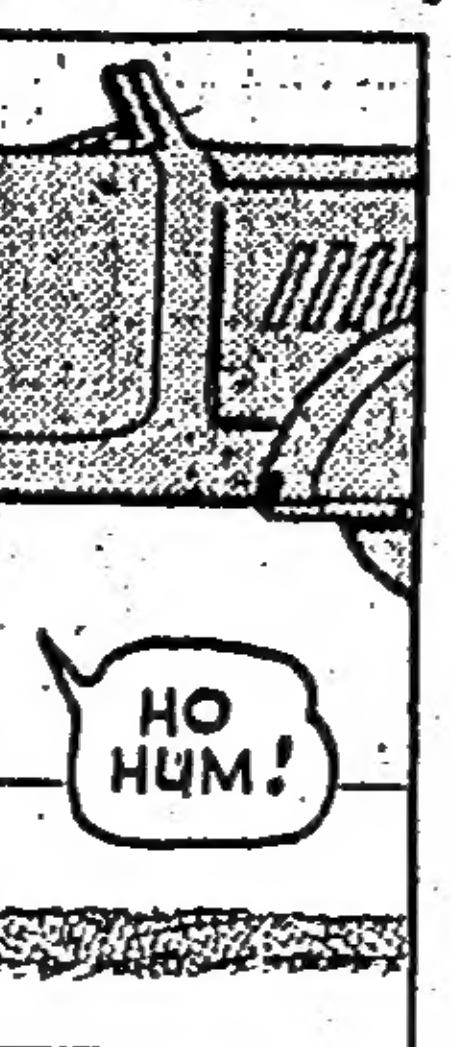
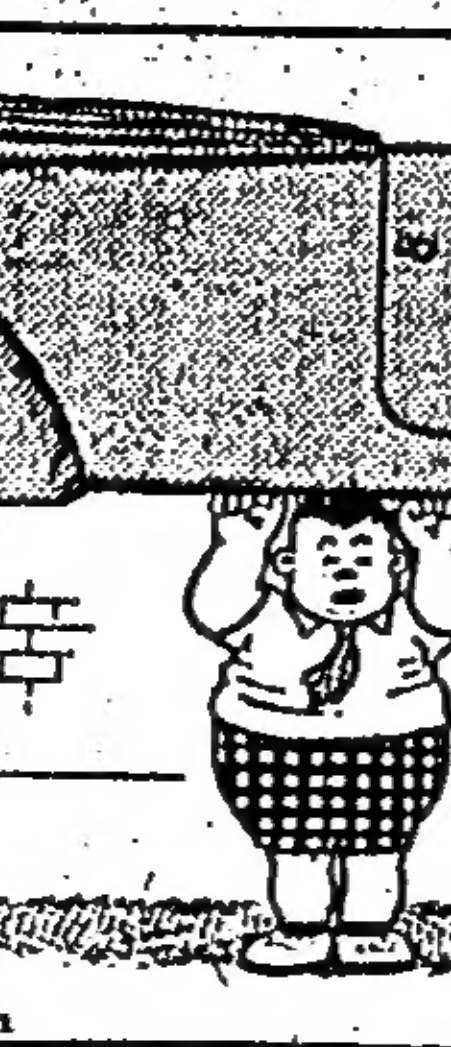
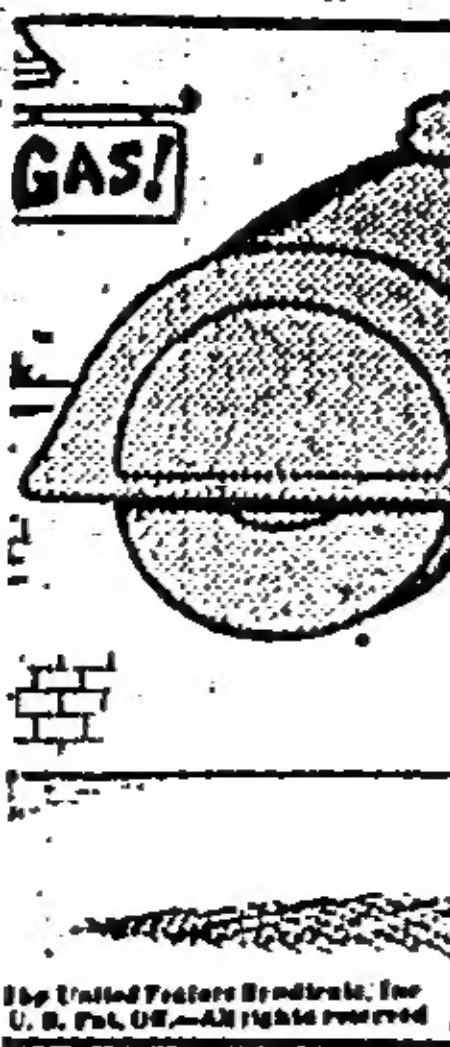
It has come into the hands of the Norwegian Government in London, and says:—

"We regret to learn that difficult working conditions have adversely affected your sales. In accordance with your request we have reduced your order to 10 copies."

Ten was the number of quailings captured in the "Lofoten" raid.

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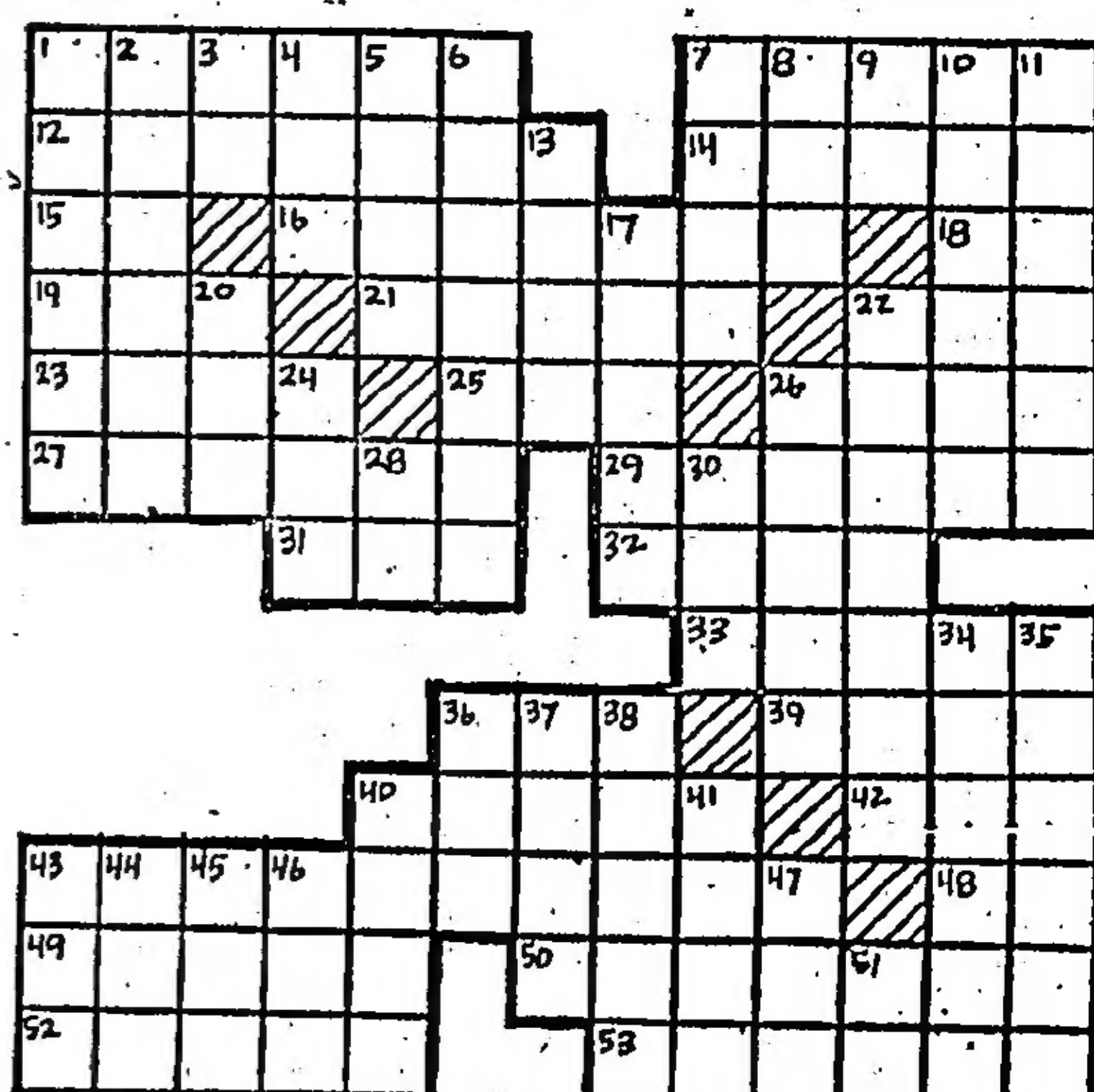
By Ernie Bushmiller



Crossword Puzzle

By LAKE MORRIS

- ACROSS**
- Interest of person
 - Perishing to punishment
 - Involved
 - That thing
 - Put in wrong place
 - Whimsical
 - Facing direction
 - Whence glacial
 - Country disease
 - Drunk god of love
 - That thing in
 - Free from doubt
 - Inner coat of eye
 - Core with devotion
 - Prentice lack of
 - Strich-like birds
 - Statement
 - Corresponding to reality
 - Best in church
 - Reverend calculus
 - Rabbit-like rodents
 - Plant with seed
 - Are keenly
 - Genial of
 - You and I
 - Express-train
 - More white and
 - Outline
- DOWN**
- Devotee for
 - Generating steam
 - Complete in all parts
 - That met
 - Upper limb of body
 - Thin name
 - Wrote on typewriter
 - Increase bulk of



WAR PRISONERS' MAIL BY AIR

The Assistant Postmaster-General, Mr Allan Chapman, announced in the House of Commons recently that an arrangement had been agreed in principle with the German Government whereby letters to and from British prisoners of war in Germany will be conveyed by air between Lisbon and Germany in return for the conveyance by air between the United Kingdom and Lisbon of letters to and from German prisoners of war.

Up to the present, the normal route from Lisbon has been by train through Spain, France and Switzerland. The use of the air service between the United Kingdom and Lisbon has already resulted in a considerable speeding up of delivery in both directions, and the new scheme which will come into operation upon an agreed date, will improve the service still further, writes a London correspondent.

Schoolboys Bag Nazi Airman

While watch was being kept in South of England woodland country for the third member of a Nazi bomber crew shot down by one of our fighters, three schoolboys were taking the airman in a motor-car to the police station.

The lads, Edward and David Smith, twin brothers, aged 17, and Desmond Mercer, aged 17, all of whom are evacuated to the country from bombed towns, discovered the airman after they had been to see the wreckage of his plane.

"We had driven about two miles on our homeward journey," they said, "when we found him lying at the side of a lonely road waving his arms feebly. He had been badly wounded in the leg."

"The German asked us for water, but someone else came along and gave him milk to drink and cucumber sandwiches to eat. The airman had attended to his wound, dressing his leg with splints made from pieces of wood bound with parachute cloth. He had been crawling through woodland since he was shot down and was obviously relieved to get in the car. We soon drove him three miles to the police station."

During the last war one letter a fortnight, plus one postcard a week, were the limits imposed by the German military authorities upon the letter-writing activities of the British soldiers who had the misfortune to become a "Kaiser's Guest."

This term was Tommy Atkins' interpretation of the "K.G." painted on his clothing to afford a ready means of identification in the event of escape from an internment camp, and was an abbreviation of Kriegsgefangener—meaning prisoner of war.

When the 1914-18 war was about half way through the British and German Governments decided to transfer an equal number of prisoners from each side to a neutral country. Holland agreed to their accommodation within her border, allotting Scheveningen, the charming seaside town near the Hague, to the British contingent.

Unrestricted Letters

After the camp was set up the Dutch authorities delighted the troops by allowing free postage without restriction of the number of letters sent. This provided a splendid inducement to overcome arrears of correspondence, and the local post office was soon overwhelmed by an avalanche of letters.

Among the prisoners were many British Post Office workers and they came to the assistance of the local staff.

Scuttlers Will Be Fired On

The Admiralty has issued a stern warning to the Nazi ship scuttlers.

It was put out over the radio, and said:

"Masters of enemy ships are warned that H.M. ships may make to them the signal "W.B.A." in the International Code of Signals.

"This will mean: Stop—do not lower boats—do not scuttle—do not use radio—if you disobey I open fire."

The London press has already urged that vigorous measures should be taken against Germans who scuttle their ships.

We should not necessarily undertake their rescue if they choose to scuttle and take to their lifeboats, it was argued.

Cinemas Will Have To Shut Unless—

Half the cinemas in Britain will have to close if the shortage of skilled operators is not checked at once.

So declares Lt.-Col. S. K. Lewis, president of the showman's society, in a letter to Mr Ernest Bevin.

New proposals to reserve operators at the age of 35 will still fail to meet the need.

Women and boys are being trained by several of the big circuits, but the results are so small, says Col. Lewis, that it is impossible to keep pace with the loss of existing operators.

Mr T. O'Brien, general secretary of the National Association of Theatres and Cinema Employees, blames the trade for not being sufficiently vigorous about this crisis.

But he strongly supports immediate discussion with the Ministry of Labour.

"Back Room Boy" Will Get Back His Sight

Air Commodore Patrick Huskinson, blinded while watching bomb flashes during a heavy raid on London, will recover his sight.

He assured a "Daily Herald" reporter.

Huskinson is one of the scientists whom Lord Beaverbrook called "the back room boys who design big bombs, fat bombs, beautiful bombs." He has left the nursing home where he has been for a month. Already he has resumed some of his work.

When he went in the car for "an airing," a secretary went with him. She carried two folios of documents.

"I'll Be Back"

Officially: "Tell them I'll be back at my desk in a fortnight," Huskinson said to the reporter.

He was in sparkling good spirits. His face is still much cut about, but he no longer wears bandages over his eyes.

Black glasses replace those bandages.

"Husky" is longing for the day when he will be able to take them off and see the blue prints of his bombs that are helping to win the war.

At present he has to make "mind photos" of them.

For he is still partially blind. He has to be guided from his second-floor private ward to the lift that takes him down to the street.

Blitz Tour

His right foot gropes cautiously for the steps, and "Hutch," his chauffeur, says solicitously: "One step down, sir... the small one."

One day he went shopping with his wife, a longer trip this time. He was out for five hours.

Every day his health improves, and he is not even thinking of going away for convalescence.

He is too keen to be back on the job.

Bombs are his job, and he has some big surprises in store for the Nazis.

American Civilians, Industry Feel Wartime Restrictions

NEW YORK, Aug. 6 (UP).—Millions of Atlantic seaboard families will be obliged to make moderate adjustments in their way of living next winter because of anticipated shortage of fuel oil, soft coal, and gasoline.

GIRL'S MAGIC HANDS

Magic hands heal and soothe the bomb-shocked nerves of people in South Kensington, London.

They belong to A.R.P. Warden Sylvia Schweppe, who can convey all the sensations of a pulsating electric motor through her hands as she massages those who come to her post for First Aid.

Her mysterious touch, which a Harley-street physician admits he has never seen before, also brings paralysed muscles back into use and restores sleep to the young and old.

Sylvia Schweppe discovered her gift by accident. Once secretary to a South African M.P., she went to Britain on a trip.

Sea Victim

"One day, shortly after I arrived," she told the "Sunday Chronicle," "a friend showed me how to massage, and I discovered that by controlling my muscles I could produce this strange vibrating sensation."

"At the outbreak of war I visited a famous Harley-street specialist and showed him what I could do. He told me he had never seen a similar case, and was sure that my hands are very rare."

"He encouraged me to use them, saying it was just what was needed to restore the health of the bomb-shocked."

At the present moment, however, Miss Schweppe is trying to heal the nerves of a girl bombed not in London, but at sea. This patient is suffering from shock as the result of being bombed, machine-gunned, and exposed for many hours in an open boat.

Girl Aides In Hitler's Train

The first detailed description of Hitler's "Circus" from which his High Command communiques are issued daily, was given recently by a diarist.

He says it is a train of six coaches, which is the centre of a vast organisation.

Hitler occupies one coach and his secretaries another.

The four remaining coaches contain a radio transmitter, a kitchen, and accommodation for Hitler's staff.

One coach is an anti-aircraft station, complete with heavy guns.

Hitler's two principal secretaries are girls—Christa Schroeder, petite

The United States possesses immense petroleum resources, but because the Federal Government has assigned a fleet of oil tankers to the British service, the supply of oil and gasoline coming up to the Eastern states from Gulf ports has been drastically curtailed. To alleviate this situation a transcontinental pipeline will be constructed. It will not be completed, however, in time for the cold autumn and winter weather that lies ahead.

Secretary of the Interior

Harold L. Ickes, who has been appointed Defence Oil Coordinator by President Roosevelt, has meanwhile launched a campaign urging automobile drivers to stop spurring their cars, with consequent waste of pure gasoline driven out through exhaust pipes, and to eliminate non-essential driving to "save oil for our battleships."

Ickes during the spring months was also urging domestic consumers to buy their winter supplies of coal early, hoping thereby to increase by 8,000,000 tons the summer movement of coal from mine to consumer.

Coal Supplies

American coal supplies are, however, adequate for all needs; soft coal production totals 375,000,000 tons yearly compared to estimated needs of 500,000,000. Here again the difficulty arises from an anticipated shortage of transportation facilities next winter.

Additional coal will also be needed by the steel industry to meet increased production demands. The Office of Production Management in Washington recently requested the steel industry to expand its productive capacity by 10,000,000 tons. The proposed increase of 10,000,000 tons will raise the capacity of the industry to about 102,000,000 tons on the basis of indicated plans where expansion programmes now being carried out become effective at the end of this year.

Officials predicted that production of 1942-model automobiles would be cut off more than the 20 percent over the 1941 output, which the OPM already has ordered when a survey of sheet and strip steel mills is completed. The rolling mill capacity would then be used to turn out plates for shipbuilding, railway car building, and for other "urgent defence purposes," the OPM said.

and blonde; and Wanda Dananowsky, massive and brunette.

Polish Descent

Wanda is of Polish descent, and speaks Russian.

Sitting beside Hitler, she listens to the Russian broadcasts, translating to the Fuehrer as she listens.

The train is constantly on the move as it goes from one section of the front to another.

It is always carefully guarded by tanks, which patrol the neighbourhood, while a Luftwaffe squadron cruises overhead.

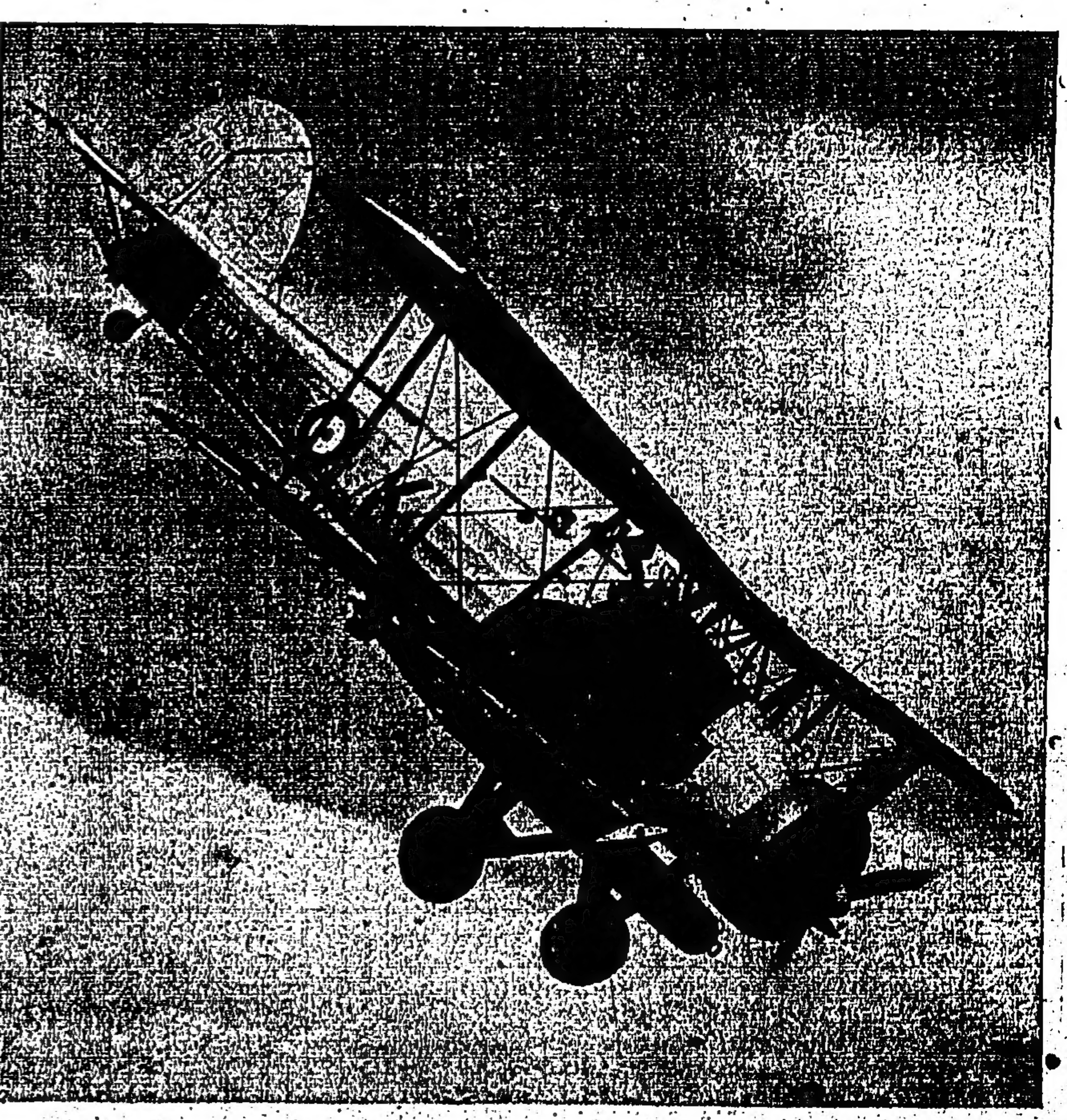
If a suitable house is found in the neighbourhood, Hitler moves into it. But he rarely stays anywhere longer than 48 hours when at the front.

Newspapers Affected

In the meantime, it was revealed that newspapers, too, may suffer as a result of shortages in certain strategic metals needed for armament production.

Walter E. Wines, American Newspaper Publishers' Association mechanical department manager, addressing the 15th annual mechanical conference of the ANPA in Buffalo, N. Y., said that in the near future civilian supplies of tin, which feeds the linotype machines, zinc used in photo-engraving, and cork which is used in making newspaper "mats" will be sharply curtailed because of the demand for these materials for armament.

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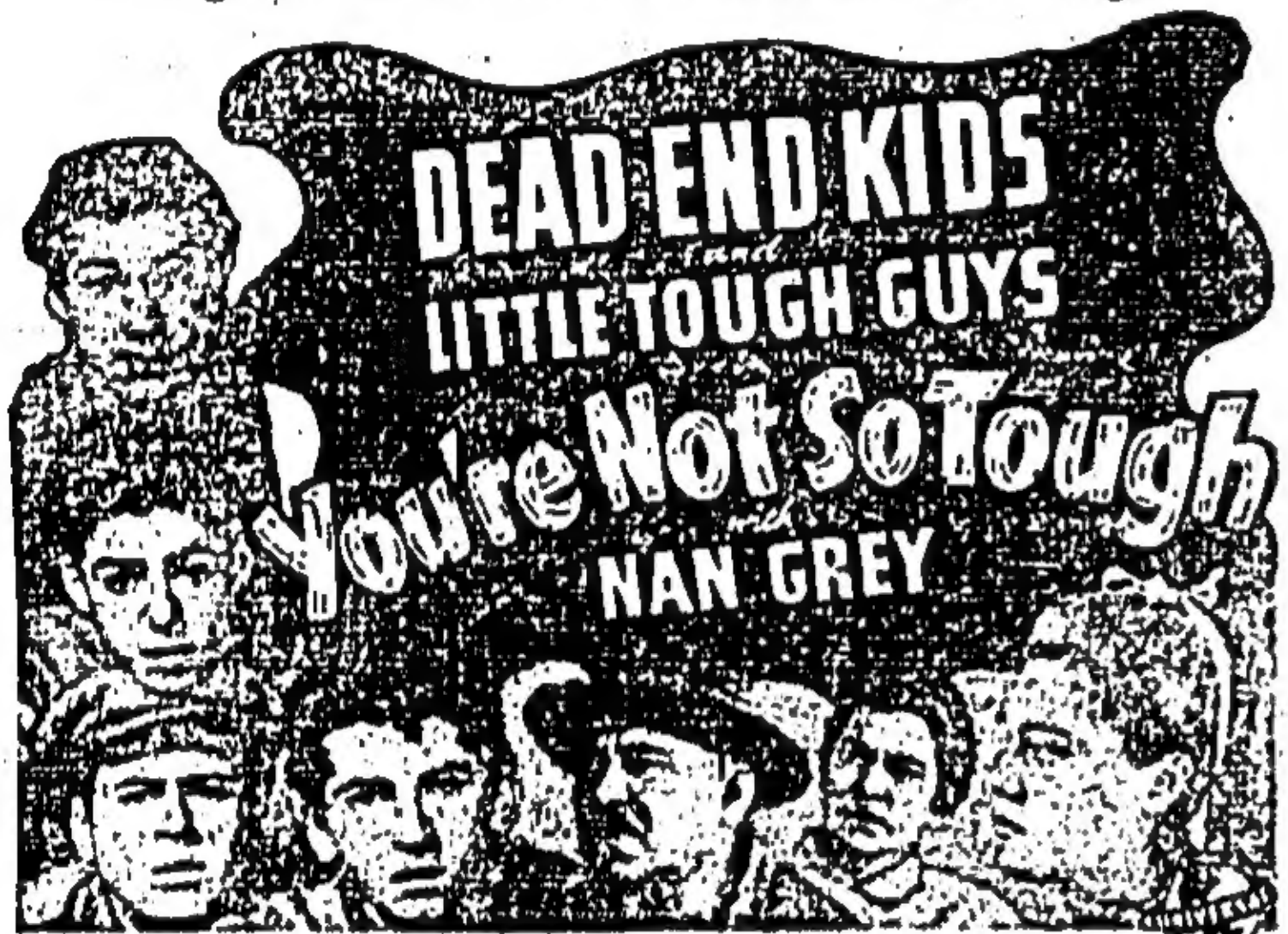
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Provocative Actions

Driving Japan And U. S. Into War

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Aug. 10 (UP).—The "Japan Newswire" to-day editorially stated that the United States and Japan must immediately find means to halt the provocative actions which at present "seem destined, under their own momentum, to drive them into war. At this very moment, the United States is apparently toying with a course of action which will, if continued, precipitate war—namely, the virtual stoppage of oil shipments to Japan."

Tit For Tat
TOKYO, Aug. 10 (UP).—The American Embassy to-day informed the office of the Finance Ministry that the United States is prepared to unfreeze funds for Japanese officials in the United States provided that American officials in Japan are treated in a reciprocal manner. Japan has already released British funds on a similar basis and it is expected that she will accept the United States proposal.

Soviet Guerillas

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They destroyed eight German tanks, 25 trucks, 12 light and heavy guns and much other equipment.

Bridges Blown Up
One guerrilla detachment blew up several bridges and annihilated the German-Finnish garrisons at three frontier settlements and destroyed two Finnish ammunition trains. The detachment established connections with several other guerrilla groups.

A revolt of Albanian peasants against Italian usurpers broke out in several villages north of the town of Zeriyani. Detachments of troops were sent by the occupation authorities from Greece to suppress the revolt, but were smashed by the insurgents. The Albanians captured four Italian mountain guns, eight machine-guns and a large number of hand grenades.

Late Communique
MOSCOW, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—The following is the text of a communique issued by the Soviet Information Bureau at 10.30 p.m. G.M.T.
"On August 10 our troops continued fighting stubbornly against the enemy in the directions of Soltsi, Khlovi, Smolensk, Byela-Tserkov and Uman."

"Our air force in co-operation with the land forces inflicted blows on enemy panzer troops and infantry. On August 9 our air force brought down 45 German aircraft and lost 25 of our own."
"According to precise data now available, during the German raid on Moscow on the night of August 9-10, ten German aircraft were brought down and not eight as previously reported."

"During the day of August 9, our fighters destroyed in addition five German reconnaissance aircraft in the Moscow city defence zone."

Nazis' Silence
LONDON, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—Following their recent claims of great military successes against the Russians in the Ukraine, the Nazis to-day fell strangely silent about the operations on the eastern front. The German mid-day communique resurrected the well-known phrase about "operations continuing according to plan" but made no specific military claims. Even Goebbels' official news agency—usually so verbose—had little to say about the progress of the fighting.

Where Battles Raging
According to the Moscow communique, battles are still raging in the same sectors of the front, namely: Smolensk, where the Nazis have now been held up for weeks after driving an ugly wedge into the Russian lines; Korosten, an important Ukrainian railway town 90 miles northwest of Kiev, the capture of which (Korosten) the Germans recently claimed; and the Estonian sector where the Germans are trying to smash their way through to Leningrad.

A message from Stockholm to-night indicates that the Germans are now trying to modify the sensational claims they made yesterday of the trapping of Soviet forces in southern Ukraine by an encircling movement aiming at cutting off the Black Sea port of Odessa and Nikolaiev.

Meanwhile Soviet guerrilla bands, it is officially announced in Moscow, are continuing their work in the German rear. Some of them are operating as far back as Lwow in Poland over 250 miles behind the German lines.

LATE NEWS

Queen Elizabeth Speaks To America

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enemies and it is only now that we are beginning to marshal around us in their full strength the devotion and resources of our great British family of nations which will in the end, please God, assuredly prevail.

Courage of People
Through these waiting months, a heavy burden is being borne by our people. As I go amongst them, I marvel at their unshakable constancy. In many cities, their homes are left in ruins as are many of those ancient buildings which you know and love hardly less than we do ourselves.

Women and children have been killed and even sufferers in hospital have not been spared. Yet hardship has only steeled our hearts and strengthened our resolution. Wherever I go, I see bright eyes and smiling faces, for though our road is stony and hard, it is straight and we know that we fight in a just cause. It is not the way in which we are to turn for support to others, but even had we minded so to do, your instant help would have forestalled us.

Generosity Appreciated

The warmth and sympathy of American generosity has touched beyond measure the hearts of all of us living and fighting in these islands. We can never and shall never forget that in the hour of our greatest need, you came forward with clothes for the homeless, food for the hungry, comfort for those who were sorely afflicted.

Clothes, ambulances and medical supplies have come in an unceasing flow from the United States. I find it hard to tell you of our gratitude in adequate terms though I ask you to believe that it is deep and sincere beyond expression.

Women's Work

Here in Britain, our women are working in the factory and in the field, turning the looms and gathering the harvest, for we must have food as well as munitions. Their courage is magnificent, their endurance amazing. I have seen them in many different activities. They are serving in their thousands with Navy, Army and Air Force, driving heavy lorries, cooking, cyphering and typing and everyone of them is working cheerfully and bravely under all conditions. Many are on the land, our precious soil, driving the plough and making a grand job of it. Others are air raid wardens, ambulance drivers, thousands of undaunted women who quietly and calmly face the terrors of night bombings, bringing strength and courage to the people they protect and help.

Word For Nurses

I must give a special word to the nurses, these wonderful women whose devotion and whose heroism will never be forgotten. In the black horror of a bombed hospital, they never falter and though often wounded, think always of their patients and never of themselves. And I need remind you, who set us much store by your home life as we do, how great are the difficulties which our house-wives have to face nowadays and how gallantly they are tackling them.

I could continue the list almost indefinitely, so manifold is the service which our women in Britain are giving. But I want to tell you that whatever the nature of their daily or nightly tasks, they are cheered by the evidence of your thought for them.

Woman To Women

We like to picture you knitting on your porches, serving your committees and helping in a hundred ways to bring relief to our civilian garrison here. Though I speak for us all in Britain in thanking all of you in America, I feel that I would like to send a special message of thanks to American women. It gives us strength to know that you have not been content to pass us by on the other side. To us in the time of our tribulation, you have surely shown that compassion which has been for 2,000 years the mark of the good neighbour.

Believe me, and I am speaking for millions of us who know the bitter but also the proud sorrow of war, we are grateful. We shall not forget your sacrifice. The sympathy which inspires it springs not only from our common speech and traditions, which we share with you, but even more from our common ideals.

Sinful Tyranny
To you tyranny is as sinful as it is to us. To you, the things for which we will fight to the death are no less sacred; and to my mind at any rate—your generosity is born of your conviction that we fight to serve a cause that is yours no less than ours; of your high resolve that, however great the cost and however long the struggle, justice and freedom, human dignity and kindness shall not perish from the earth. I look to the day when we shall go forward hand in hand to build a better, kinder and happier world for our children. May God bless you all."

Memorial Service For Patriot

Mr. Lofel Pat-hong, late Managing Director of the Chung Hwa Book Company and member of the People's Political Council, who died on July 9, was honoured at a memorial service held yesterday at the Confucius Hall in Hongkong, states "Central News."

The service was attended by over 1,000 persons including Government and Party officials visiting in Hongkong, representatives of cultural organisations, the entire staff of the Chung Hwa Book Company, and friends and relatives of the deceased. Scrolls of eulogy were presented by many Government leaders, prominent among whom were Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government, General Wu Te-chen, Secretary-General of the Central Party Headquarters, Generals Pai Chung-hsi, Li Tsung-jen, Li Chien-shen and others.

Mr. Ma Chao-chun, Kuomintang C.E.C. member, officiated at the ceremony while Mr. Y. W. Wang, Managing-Director of the Commercial Press, eulogised the life work of the deceased.

Alexandria Raider Is Forced Down

CAIRO, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—It is now revealed that a German plane made a forced landing at Lake Borollos, about 50 miles east of Alexandria, during an attempted raid on the Nile delta last week. The four occupants were taken prisoner. Two of them were wounded.

Boxer Fund Studies Are Postponed

HONGKONG, Aug. 10 (International).—The Board of Directors of the British Boxer Indemnity Fund has announced that owing to the European war no Chinese students will be sent to England to pursue advanced studies this year. These who have left Hongkong are recalled.

U.S. Cruisers Move

BRISBANE, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—The two heavy United States cruisers Northampton and Salt Lake City, which arrived here unexpectedly last Tuesday on a training cruise, sailed to-day. Their destination is not disclosed.

Nazi Peace Offensive In America

LONDON, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—The Nazi peace offensive due to start in America to-morrow is doomed before it is born, said Quentin Reynolds, the American journalist, broadcasting to-night.

Orders have been given to continental newspapers to publish speeches by American "Isolationists," said Reynolds.

Addressing Hitler throughout as "Mr. Schickelgruber," a name which was yours until you changed it before the last war, Reynolds said that Britain knew all about the new peace offensive. It had died before it was born.

Publicly by Goebbels' agents was arranged to begin to-morrow. "They will say now that a new order has been established, that there is peace in Continental Europe and that American aid or interference would result in civil war in countries which are now happy under German protection. If America persists in helping Britain, it will mean chaos on the Continent."

The American Journalist concluded by saying to Hitler: "In the countries in which you hold temporary sway there is not peace but paralysis."

Vichy To Make Final Ties With Nazis

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with General Weygand. It was not a full Cabinet meeting but most Cabinet members met at the Parc Hotel to continue negotiations with General Weygand which began yesterday.

While Marshal Petain was at the race track, he was joined by M. Caplain, the French Ambassador to Germany who is in charge of prisoners' affairs and who arrived directly from Berlin where, it is believed, he negotiated with the German authorities for the liberation of more categories of prisoners.

Bonnet In Vichy

LONDON, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—M. Paul Bonnet, the former French Foreign Minister, has arrived in Vichy, reports the German radio.

The announcer added: "Bonnet has always pressed Marshal Petain to collaborate with Germany." A Vichy dispatch quoted by the German radio states that according to rumours prevalent in Vichy, Admiral Darlan is to be made "Admiral of France" owing to his "outstanding merits." He will also be raised to a military rank giving him greater authority in regard to military matters.

NAZIS SUFFER SERIOUS LOSSES

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man lines, sabotaging and holding farms and even villages.

Northern Front
STOCKHOLM, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—The cutting off of several Russian divisions is claimed in a Finnish communique.

It says that the enemy's fortified positions have been broken through and that wedges have been driven as far as Lake Ladoga. Several enemy divisions have been cut off. There have been great enemy losses of men and material owing to obstinate resistance.

It adds that the completion of encirclement and destruction of the enemy is continuing, but does not mention a single place.

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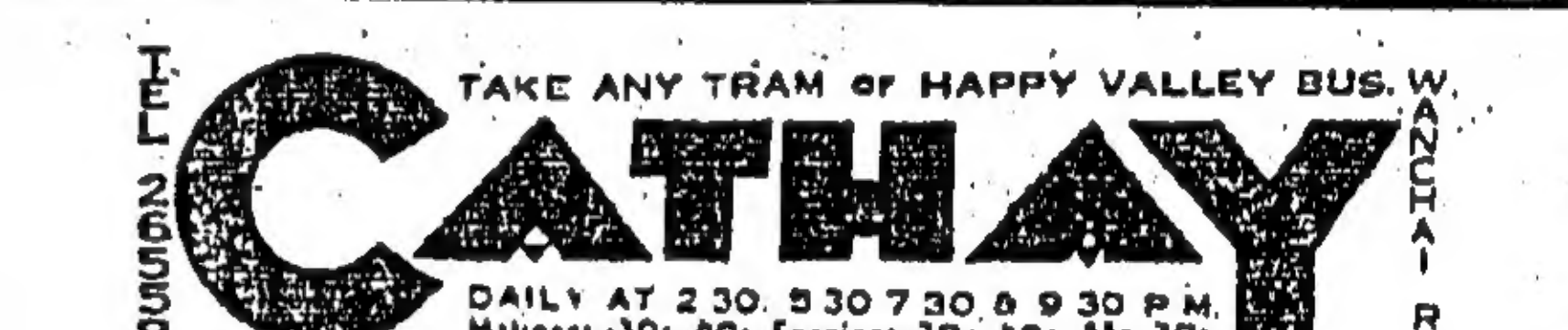


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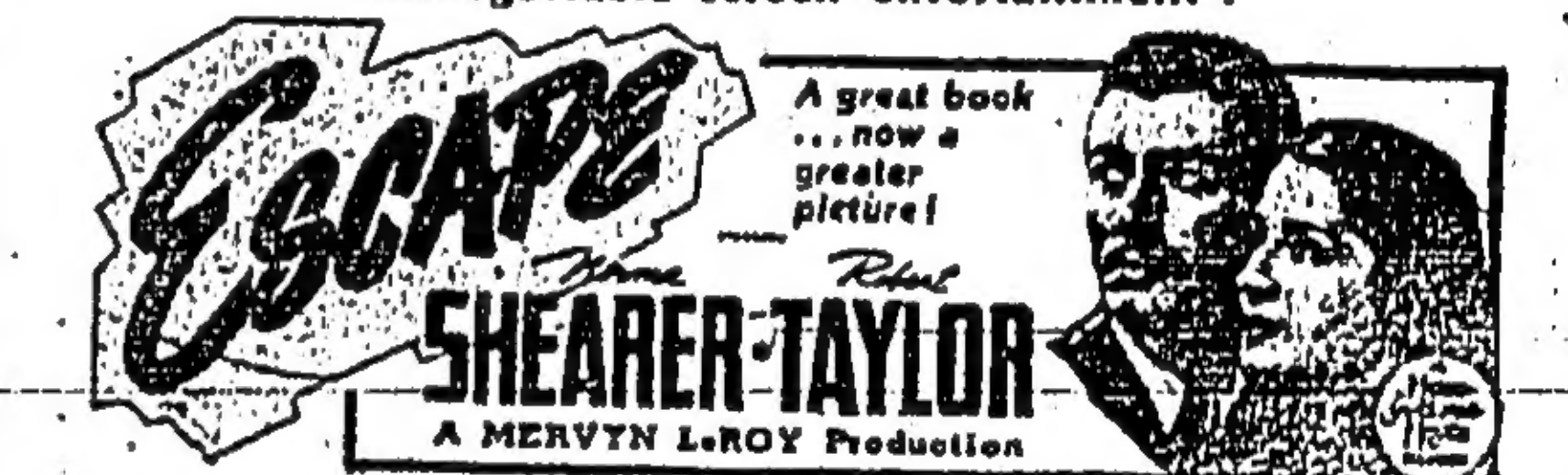
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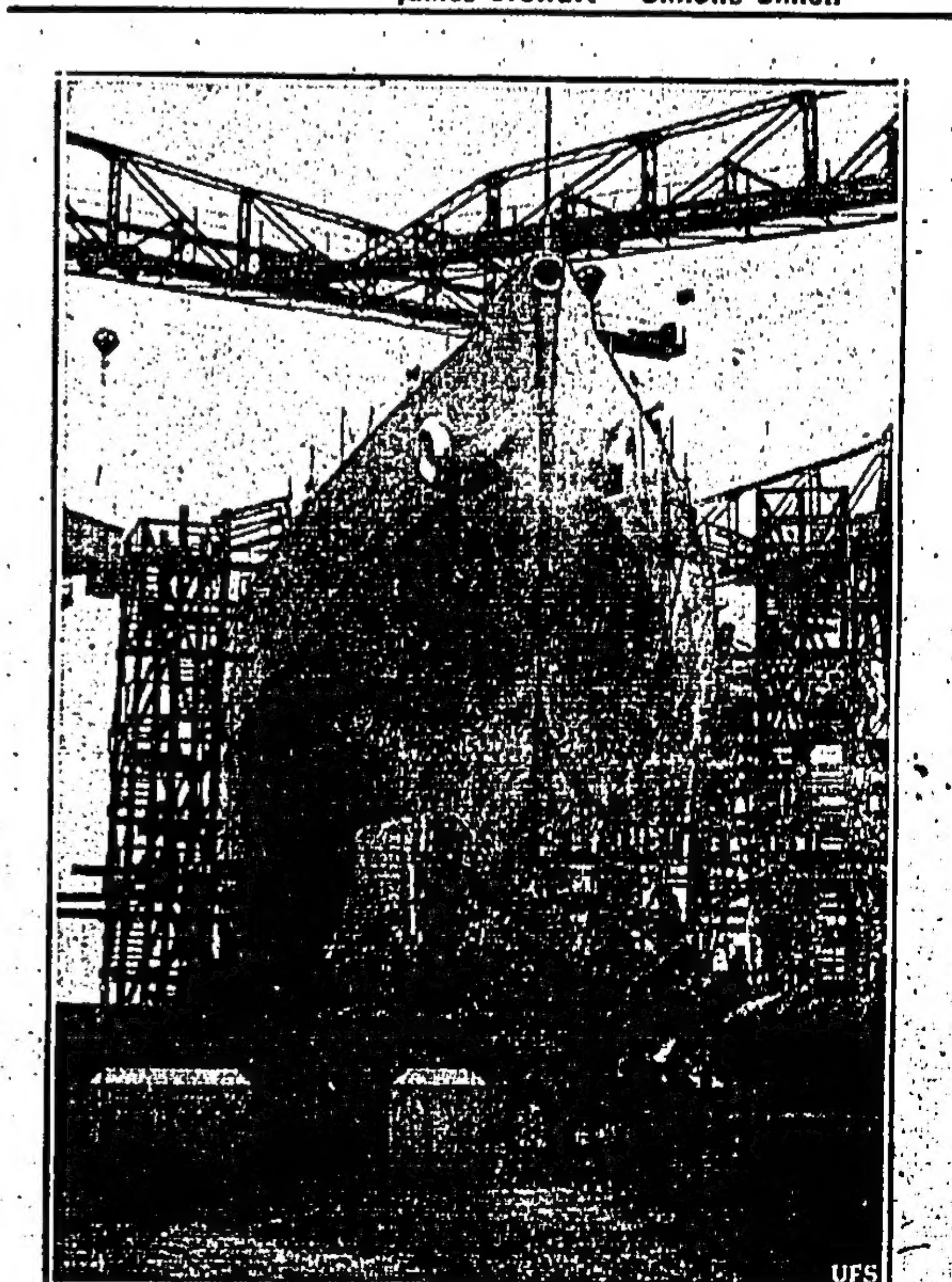


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NAZIS SUFFER SERIOUS LOSSES IN RUSSIA: SITUATION ANALYSED

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, AUG. 10 (UP).—AUTHORITATIVE CIRCLES TO-DAY ASSERTED THAT REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME OF HOSTILITIES, THE NAZIS HAVE SUFFERED SERIOUS MATERIAL AS WELL AS PSYCHOLOGICAL SETBACKS WHICH ARE ALMOST CERTAIN TO HAVE A PROFOUND INFLUENCE ON HITLER'S FUTURE COURSE.

There appears to be no doubt now but what German calculations have been drastically upset by Russia's strong resistance to the mighty Nazi war machine. Although the German drive apparently gained some momentum during the last few days, Hitler still has yet to achieve a single major objective in the Soviet Union.

INTERLUDE IN THAILAND

BANGKOK, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—After a most critical fortnight, members of the Cabinet and diplomats are for the first time sitting back mopping their brows, collecting their thoughts and sorting them out to-day.

A typically shrewd unofficial Thai comment is: "True, we have just been through a hell of a bad time, but it also served to show who our friends are. Of course, we know that we are not yet out of the wood."

Duff-Cooper Flying To Far East

NEW YORK, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—Mr. Alfred Duff-Cooper, newly appointed British Minister to the Far East, who arrived to-day accompanied by his wife, said in an interview with the press that the British administration in the Far East would be centralized in Singapore and he expressed the belief that the reaction of the Japanese Government to the "strong measures taken by Britain and the United States as the result of Japan's intrusion into Indo-China" had shown a "distinctly steady and healthy effect."

Lease And Lend Aid

To what he described as rumours in the United States that full use was not being made of Lease and Lend material, Mr. Duff-Cooper declared: "We are now getting a full flow of American production and materials—all of first rate quality."

All had been utilised and were playing a "tremendous part" in Britain's war programme.

Mr. Duff-Cooper listened at Koa-Gardia Airport to the Queen's broadcast. He said that he would remain in the United States for about a fortnight. He would leave for Washington shortly and from there would fly to San Francisco and take Clipper to the east.

Mediterranean Coasts Ravaged By R.A.F.

CAIRO, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—Heavy R.A.F. attacks on Italian aerodromes in Greece and Sicily as well as in Libya figure in the latest R.A.F. communique.

It says: "Libya.—During Saturday night our bombers attacked several enemy targets in North Africa. Three large fires, accompanied by violent explosions and flying debris, occurred at Tripoli where the dock area was raided. Fires in the neighbourhood of the power-house were visible for a considerable distance from the target."

"Bardia was attacked by an R.A.F. bomber formation and also by aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm. Bombs obtained hits on motor transport yard, causing explosions and a number of fires."

"Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm made a series of drive attacks and started a number of fires."

"Heavy bombers also attacked the port of Benghazi, where explosions were seen on railway sidings, and the port of Derna where fires followed the attack."

Over Greece

"Greece.—Heavy bombers attacked the aerodrome at Eleusis, starting a fire which is believed to have destroyed a number of aircraft."

"Sicily.—Bombs were dropped on the harbour at Catania on Friday. A 2,000-ton motor vessel at the quay-side was damaged by bombs on and near it."

"From all these operations, our aircraft returned safely."

IS ROT SETTING IN?

Soviets Claim Nazis Want To Pack Up

MOSCOW, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—An appeal by captured German prisoners to their comrades to surrender is quoted in a supplement to a Soviet communique.

The supplement describes how the 370th German Regiment of the 63rd Division, which was shipped to Finland from Narvik, attacked a Russian unit and was repulsed with heavy losses from artillery and machine-gun fire and then surrounded.

Many German soldiers, it says, trying to escape, jumped into a lake to swim to the opposite shore but practically all drowned or were shot by Russian snipers. The remainder surrendered in large groups.

Senseless Struggle

A number of prisoners addressed letters to their comrades of the 63rd Division, urging them to surrender. The letter says: "We were thrown from Norway into a senseless and fatal war against Soviet Russia in northern forests and marshes. We do not wish to die to enable Germany and his accomplices to acquire Karelian colonies. The Finnish people hate us and the Russian people meet us with deadly fire. Hitler will perish. It is no use binding your destinies with the destiny of a doomed adventurer. You have an opportunity of saving your lives for your families and liberating Germany."

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In addition to this, the stand of the Red Army has admittedly cost Germany heavily in casualties and war materials. All these factors have combined to greatly lessen the attempted invasion of Britain.

At the same time, Britain has been able to conduct unrelenting air attacks against German industrial and military targets which has doubtless, at least in a small measure, injured them. Even the Red air force, in recent days has managed to place Goering's supposedly impenetrable air defences.

In the Atlantic, Britain's position has shown unquestionable improvement and new figures on shipping losses to be released by the Admiralty soon will show, it is reported, that Britain is continuing to gain in the critical Battle of the Atlantic.

Southern Front

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—Berlin correspondents cite military opinion that the fresh German success in the Ukraine is so comprehensive that Russian abandonment of the great curve of Dnieper, Odessa and the Black Sea coast is considered imminent by the German High Command.

The Germans are straining every effort to reach Odessa and Nikolai, from where it will be possible to threaten Russia's chief armament centre, but it is declared that the victories already won do not mean that a decision has yet been achieved in these extensive operations in the Ukraine.

An regards Marshal Timoshenko's appeal to the local population to destroy anything likely to be useful to the invader, it is pointed out that the German military authorities do not assume responsibility for the feeding and the safety of populations where guerrilla sabotage is practised.

The "Nykhet" correspondent says that reports show that guerrilla bands are still active behind the German front.

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AIR LOSSES FOR WEEK COMPARED

LONDON, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—The Axis Powers lost 57 planes and the R.A.F. 52 in Western Europe and Middle East during the last week.

Indications of intensive attacks by the R.A.F. over Germany compared with slight Luftwaffe activity over Britain are reflected in the fact that British night losses over Germany and occupied territory were 27 bombers.

Germany lost one bomber at night and two in daylight over Britain.

In daylight sweeps across the Channel, 24 British fighters failed to return and 35 German fighters were destroyed. Another German fighter was shot down by a British bomber at night.

The British lost only one machine in the Middle East where 10 Axis aircraft were destroyed. The Navy accounted for another two enemy planes.

The Russian War Front

The Germans are still being well held on all sectors of the long Eastern war front, according to latest Russian claims. The Nazis are attempting a new offensive in the Ukraine, but have made but slight progress. Elsewhere the invaders have been stalled.



Latest Official Russian Reports On Fighting Soviet Guerillas Active: Nazi Tank Unit Smashed

MOSCOW, Aug. 10 (UP).—The Soviet Information Bureau this evening announced that a Red Army unit under command of Major Buslayev smashed a column of Fascist tanks which proceeded during the night time toward one sector of the front. Thirty damaged tanks remained on the battlefield.

Queen Elizabeth Speaks To People Of America

LONDON, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—"Hardship has only steeled our hearts and strengthened our resolution," declared Her Majesty the Queen in a special broadcast to-night addressed to the American people.

"However great the cost, however long the struggle, justice, freedom, human dignity and kindness shall not perish from the earth."

The text of the broadcast follows: It is just over two years ago since I spoke to the American people and TURN TO Back Page, Column 5

Britain's Air Force Crosses The Channel

LONDON, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—R.A.F. formations flew across the Channel to Northern France this morning and again during the afternoon.

An R.A.F. formation which swept across the Channel this afternoon flying in the direction of the French coast between Boulogne and Calais was stated by spectators to be very large.

Shipping Raided

LONDON, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—An attack on German shipping and sweeps over Northern France are reported in an Air Ministry communique issued to-day.

It states: "R.A.F. fighters escorted Eilenheim bombers in an attack on enemy shipping off the French coast this morning. A supply ship was hit twice and left burning. An enemy fighter was destroyed by the escort. Two of our bombers and one fighter are missing."

"Our fighters also carried out several sweeps over Northern France during the day. No opposition from enemy fighters was encountered."

U. S. Property In Reich

ZURICH, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—The Berlin correspondent of the "Die Tat" says that according to an official decree, all property in Germany and occupied territories belonging to American citizens must be declared by October 1.

Germans Desire African Coast Bases from Vichy

NEW YORK, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—The meetings of the Vichy leaders who are believed to be discussing German demands

tantamount to, according to Germany, full use of strategic Atlantic bases on the French African coast are being closely watched in Washington, according to reports reaching here.

In the event of Vichy agreeing to such German demands, it is reported, the United States is likely to break off diplomatic relations with Vichy at once.

U.S. Interest

The whole question of Western Hemisphere interest in the French possessions is the subject of intensive study in the light of the latest developments in Vichy. President Roosevelt, it is understood, as well as officials in Washington are giving the subject their close attention.

The problem is also believed to be under active discussion with the British authorities. The present German demands on Vichy are believed in Washington to be only part of a broad Nazi plan to gain new strategic bases for intensified air and submarine warfare against shipping in the Atlantic during the winter.

Final Ties With Nazis

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—According to the Berlin correspondent of the newspaper "Demokraten," political circles there believe that the Vichy discussions concern, besides the political relations of France and the Tripartite Alliance, a certain degree of military collaboration, including the defence of France's colonial possessions with German help.

It is believed that Admiral Darlan is willing but that Marshal Petain is hesitant. General Weygand probably shares Marshal Petain's views. Admiral Darlan realises that such an agreement means rupture with the United States but is willing to take the consequences.

Berlin believes that Vichy's next step will be to join the Tripartite Alliance following a definite replacement of the Armistice by peace. The United States' attitude in relation to West-Africa are the subject of lively discussion. Berlin expects American action in the near future.

Political Aspects

"VICHY, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—"Political questions" played an important part in the Vichy Ministers' discussions on Saturday, according to a Vichy news agency statement. "For some time," the statement continues, "the press in the TURN TO Back Page, Column 4

CHUNGKING AIR RAIDS

Foreign Property Hit

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Aug. 10 (UP).

A giant bomb penetrated the three-storey residence of the American Methodist Mission at 10.25 a.m. to-day, demolished the entire middle section of the building, and blew the plaster off of all the nearby Mission establishments.

In the sixth air raid since Friday, nine Japanese planes at 3.20 p.m. bombed the area around the British Ambassador's residence which was badly damaged.

Reported British Closure Of Thai-Malaya Road

Special to the "Telegraph"

BANGKOK, August 10 (Domei).—Reliable sources disclosed that Britain had already closed the motor road between Thai and Malaya, while heavy fortifications were established 15 to 20 miles behind the boundary.

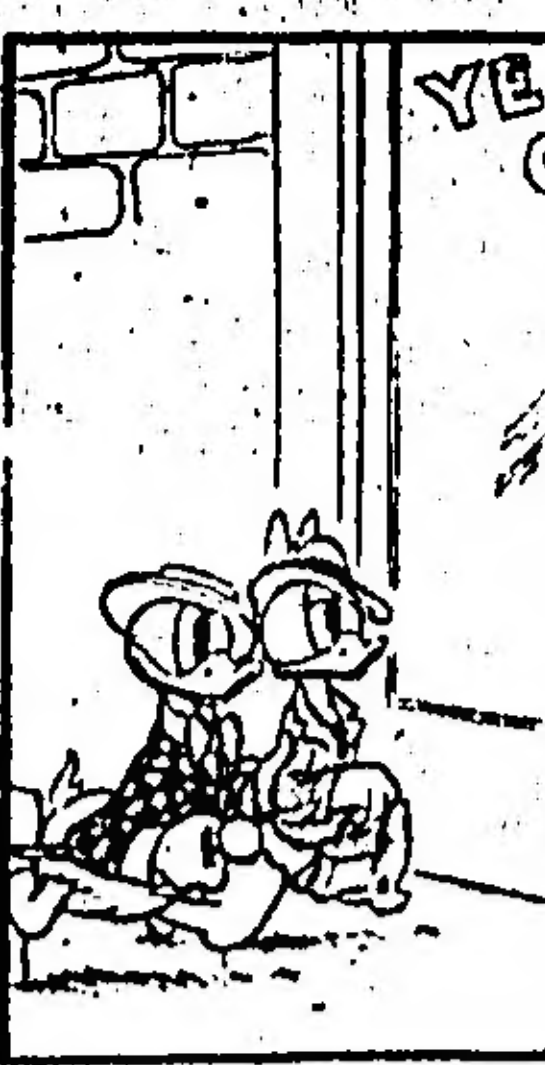
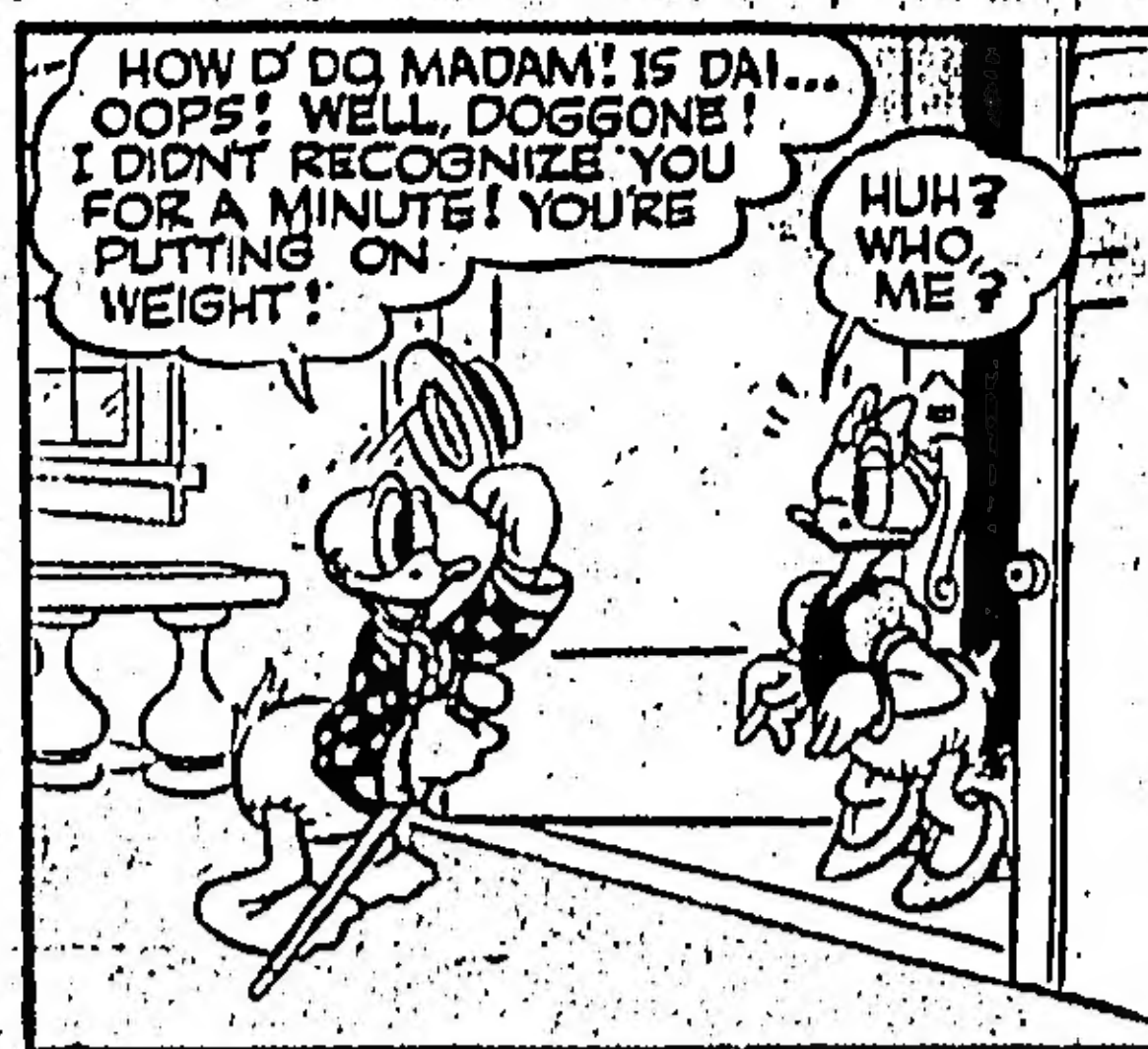
Trains crossing the border are required to close curtains, it was said. More than 10,000 Chungking troops are said to have been stationed on the Burma border while the airport facilities at Rangoon are being expanded.

Meanwhile, 100 United States made warplanes which arrived at Singapore are reported being assembled at the Ford Assembly Plant, while the Australian troops which landed in Burma are being rushed to the border.

Japanese Evacuate

A group of Japanese nationals who evacuated Singapore and the Malay States arrived here this afternoon aboard the international train. It is understood that the second group of Japanese evacuees will arrive here on August 13 by train.

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- All photographs entered must have been taken in the Colony of Hongkong. Photographs which have been already entered in other Competitions are ineligible.
- No responsibility will be accepted for non-delivery of, loss of, or damage to entries.
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- Pictures submitted in sepia tones should be accompanied by a smaller print in black and white.
- No picture to be entered in more than one Section.
- Mounts to be only white or cream, must be of one of the following sizes—10x12, 10x20.
- No correspondence will be entered into in connection with the Competition.
- Members of the Staff of the Hongkong Telegraph and the South China Morning Post are not permitted to compete.
- The decision of the Judges shall be final.
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The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from SATURDAY, 16TH AUGUST, 1941, to MONDAY, 25TH AUGUST, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
C. M. MANNERS,
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Hong Kong, 11th August, 1941.

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By Order of the Board of Directors.
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Hongkong, 5th August, 1941.

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DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad—
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China and Macao
10 cents per copy
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25 cents per copy
The Hongkong Telegraph
China and Macao
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British and Foreign
20 cents per copy
25 cents Saturdays.

Mock Invasion Of Black Country

LONDON, Aug. 10 (British Wire- less).—Big scale civil defence exercises in which the Home Guard, military and civil defence services co-operated were carried out over a wide area of Birmingham and the Black Country during the week-end.

The attacking forces were regular troops while Birmingham was defended by its Home Guards and a force of Fleet troops composed of British, Free French, Dutch and Czech-Slovak regulars. It was assumed that an enemy force of two divisions and two panzer regiments were attacking Birmingham from the southwest and to help the invasion, paratroops were dropped on the south and north sides of the city in the early hours to-day.

QUEEN'S THANKS

The following telegram has been received by His Excellency the Governor from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, London:

"Your telegram 785 has been conveyed to Her Majesty who greatly appreciates the kind and loyal message on occasion of her birthday."

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/12 1/2
Demand London	1/12 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	400
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	102 1/2
T.T. India	80 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	40 1/2
T.T. Batavia	46 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	140 1/2
T.T. Saigon	100
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H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks \$	x.d. 1,345 sa.
H.K. Banks £	x.d. 75 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.) £	x.d. 70 n.
Chartered Banks £	x.d. 70 n.
Mercantile & C. £	x.d. 11 1/2 n.
Mercantile C. £	x.d. 11 1/2 n.
East Asia \$	x.d. 70 n.
INSURANCES	
Canton Ins. \$	x.d. 225 b.
Union Ins. \$	x.d. 405 n.
China Underwriters \$	x.d. 1 n.
H.K. Fire Ins. \$	x.d. 185 b.
SHIPPING	
Douglas \$	x.d. 120 n.
Steenbants \$	x.d. 8 1/2 n.
Indo-China P. \$	x.d. 80 n.
Indo-China D. \$	x.d. 70 n.
Shell (Bearers) \$	x.d. 40 1/4 n.
Waterboats \$	x.d. 65 n.
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves \$	x.d. 81 n.
Docks \$	x.d. 15 1/2 n.
Providents \$	x.d. 5.80 b.
Shui Dockyards \$	x.d. 20 1/2 n.
MINING	
Kailan \$	x.d. 13 1/2 n.
Raubis \$	x.d. 7 1/2 n.
H.K. Mines \$	x.d. 2 cts n.
LANDS	
Hotels \$	x.d. 3.20 b.
Lands \$	x.d. 35 n.
Lands 4 1/2. Debentures	x.d. 0.75 n.
Shai Lands Sh. \$	x.d. 18.30 n.
Humphreys \$	x.d. 7 n.
H.K. Realties \$	x.d. 3.10 n.
Chinese Estates \$	x.d. 101 b.
UTILITIES	
Trams \$	x.d. 16.90 b & sa.
Peak Trams (old) \$	x.d. 3.20 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$	x.d. 3 1/4 n.
Star Ferries \$	x.d. 53 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries \$	x.d. 22 n.
China Lights (old) \$	x.d. 5.95 sa.
China Lights (new) \$	x.d. 1.30 n.
H.K. Electric (old) \$	x.d. 21.80 n.
H.K. Electric (new) \$	x.d. 21 n.
H.K. Electric Rts \$	x.d. 10.00 n.
Macao Electric \$	x.d. 18.00 n.
Sandakan Lights \$	x.d. 12 1/2 n.
Telephones (old) \$	x.d. 23 n.
Telephones (new) \$	x.d. 8 1/2 n.
INDUSTRIALS	
Cold. Mng. (Ord.) \$	x.d. 30 n.
Cold. Mng. (Pref.) \$	x.d. 25 n.
Canton Ice \$	x.d. 14 1/2 n.
Cements \$	x.d. 14 1/2 n.
H.K. Ropes \$	x.d. 8 1/2 n.
STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms \$	x.d. 16.80 n.
Watsons \$	x.d. 10.85 n.
Lane Crawford \$	x.d. 6.45 n.
Sincere \$	x.d. 2.25 n.
Wing On (H.K.) \$	x.d. 30 n.
Wm. Powell, Ltd. \$	x.d. 1 1/2 n.
COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh. \$	x.d. 30 1/2 n.
Shai Cotton Sh. \$	x.d. 305 n.
MISC.	
H.K. Govt 4 1/2 %	x.d. 0.54 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2 % (1934)	x.d. 0.44 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2 % (1940)	x.d. 0.44 1/2 n.
Ch. Govt 5 % 1925 GSds.	x.d. .04 n.
Entertainments \$	x.d. .62 n.
Constructions (old) \$	x.d. 1.60 n.
Constructions (new) \$	x.d. .80 cts n.
Vibro Piling \$	x.d. 7.20 n.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon) \$	x.d. 5 1/2 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) \$	x.d. 17 1/2 n.

MENZIES SENSES CRISIS

ADELAIDE, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—"Developments which 'broke no delay' was the reason given by Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, for the cancellation of his tour of Australia and his decision to return immediately to Melbourne for a full meeting of the Cabinet, called for noon to-day."

U.S. Cruisers Move

BRISBANE, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—The two heavy United States cruisers Northampton and Salt Lake City, which arrived here unexpectedly last Tuesday on a training cruise, sailed to-day. Their destination is not disclosed.

Northwest Frontier And War

PESHAWAR, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—Russia's tenacious resistance to the Nazi invaders had made a deep impression among the tribesmen along the Northwest Frontier, it is learned. The tribesmen, although frankly unfriendly towards Bolshevik principles, full recognise the significance of the Russo-German war.

It is generally held that Muslim countries are next on Hitler's list after Russia. The excuse made by German propagandists that Germany did not intervene in Iraq out of regard for Muslim lives and property was contradicted by raids on Damascus and other holy places, and now there are almost daily raids on the civil population in the Suez Canal.

Japanese Raid Over Kunming

KUNMING, Aug. 10 (Central News).—Twenty-six Japanese planes raided Kunming at noon to-day. Kept at an altitude of about 5,000 feet by Chinese anti-aircraft fire, the raiders dropped over 100 bombs indiscriminately, causing more than 10 casualties and demolishing about 100 houses.

SIAM, Aug. 10 (Central News).—Hancheng, Sienyung, Sian and Ichuan, Sienai towns, were raided by 42 Japanese planes in five groups yesterday. Incendiary bombs were dropped at Sian.

Nine Japanese planes raided Tai this morning, dropping more than 20 bombs in the outskirts. Damage was slight. A lone Japanese plane reconnaissance Sian.

Central China Withdrawals

CHUNGKING, Aug. 11 (Central News).—Large numbers of Japanese troops in Central China have been transferred to Manchuria recently and puppet troops have been dispatched to take up garrison duties in places where the Japanese have evacuated, according to a Shanghai dispatch.

Organisation and training of more puppet troops is intensified. Recently while embarking on Japanese ships for Tsingtao for training, many of the 2,000 puppet troops under the command of Tao Shih-sheng tried to escape. Several deserters were shot dead by Japanese troops on guard.

Carrier Off Amoy

YUNGAN, Aug. 10 (Central News).—A Japanese aircraft-carrier has arrived off Amoy.

Yesterday five planes from the aircraft-carrier attacked Changchow, dropping several bombs. Later they came to Yungan and dropped six bombs in the southern suburbs, causing about ten casualties and wrecking several houses.

One of the raiders was hit by Chinese anti-aircraft fire and crashed in the hills at an undisclosed place.

Nazi Plot In Chile Uncovered

SANTIAGO, CHILE, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—It is officially stated that a Nazi plot has been discovered in southern Chile. Several German leaders have been arrested in the towns of Puntillas, Llanquihue, Puerto Varas.

The arrests followed house searches. A quantity of propaganda matter has been seized. The Minister of the Interior is to make a statement.

Heroes Of Russia

LONDON, Aug. 10 (British Wire- less).—The magnitude of recent operations on the eastern front can be gauged from a Moscow Agency message stating that 1,105 awards for bravery have been made.

The decorations include three for women while three may have been awarded the title 'Hero of the Soviet Union.'

The first of the latter is Captain Batlov, who led a battalion, which had been encircled, through 'impassable' swamps and repeatedly attacked the enemy from the rear.

The second is Lieutenant Kamerschikov, who single-handedly brought down four enemy planes and four more in co-operation with comrades.

The third is Junior Lieutenant Ridny, who destroyed five enemy planes single-handed and four more with the help of comrades. His plane was pierced by 20 bullets but is still in service.

DEFENDER LOST BUT CREW SAFE

LONDON, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—An Admiralty communique announces that the destroyer Defender (attached to the China Station at the outbreak of war) has been sunk with no loss of life.

The Defender was commanded by Lieut-Comdr G. L. Fernfield.

MR C. ROGERS' APPOINTMENT

Mr C. Rogers has been appointed Economic Adviser to the Government of Hongkong in connection with the problems immediately arising from the freezing of Japanese and Chinese assets and the inclusion of Hongkong in the sterling area.

Mr. Hall-Patch, British Financial Commissioner in the Far East, has proceeded to Chungking to act as temporary British member of the Chinese Currency Stabilization Fund.

Chinese Sabotage Train

CHUNGKING, Aug. 10 (Central News).—A southbound Japanese military train on the Canton-Hankow Railway was blown up by Chinese saboteurs with dynamite at Chutukin, south of Wuchang. About 100 Japanese were killed and 200 were wounded. Arms and provisions were seized by the Chinese.

Thirteen Chinese soldiers made a daring attack on the Japanese troops stationed at Maanshan, southwest of Puchu on the Canton-Hankow Railway in south Hupien, on July 24. They killed more than 20 Japanese officers and men and captured two light machine-guns and eight rifles.

LETTERS

Short Changing
The Editor,
Hongkong Telegraph.

Sir,—I am sure that all members of the Chinese public who travel third class by ferries of the Hongkong and Yumant Ferry Co., Ltd., and the Star Ferry Co., Ltd., will be deeply grateful to His Lordship Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall who made certain very caustic comments concerning the practice of ticket sellers short changing third class passengers.

From a perusal of the judgment as reported in your paper, it would appear that His Lordship is under the impression that the practice is one of recent origin. From my own personal knowledge, however, I can say that the practice did not originate with the increase in the war time value of the Hongkong one cent piece, but has actually been in existence for the past 20 years and is known to practically 99% of the local Chinese population. It might also be pointed out that although not a party to the fraud, the Ferry Companies concerned could not have been ignorant of the practice, as apart from daily squabbles outside the ticket offices over short changing, correspondents have, on more than one occasion, voiced their criticism of the practice in the Correspondence Column of your paper.

Y. K. CHAN.

Exhibition In Aid Of Chinese Refugees

An interesting exhibition of pot plants, Chinese paintings and tropical fish opened on Saturday morning, and will continue until Tuesday, at the Shih-Nan Girls' College, No. 69 Waterloo Road, Homuntin. The exhibition is open to-day and tomorrow from noon to 10 p.m.

The exhibition, which is sponsored by the Chung Sing Benevolent Society, is in aid of the fund for the relief of refugees of Kwangtung and Kwangsi.

In the plants section there are several hundred pots of dwarf trees and cacti of various types from America and Africa; while the fish include specimens from South America, Java and India.

The paintings, in scroll form, feature both ancient and modern Chinese work.

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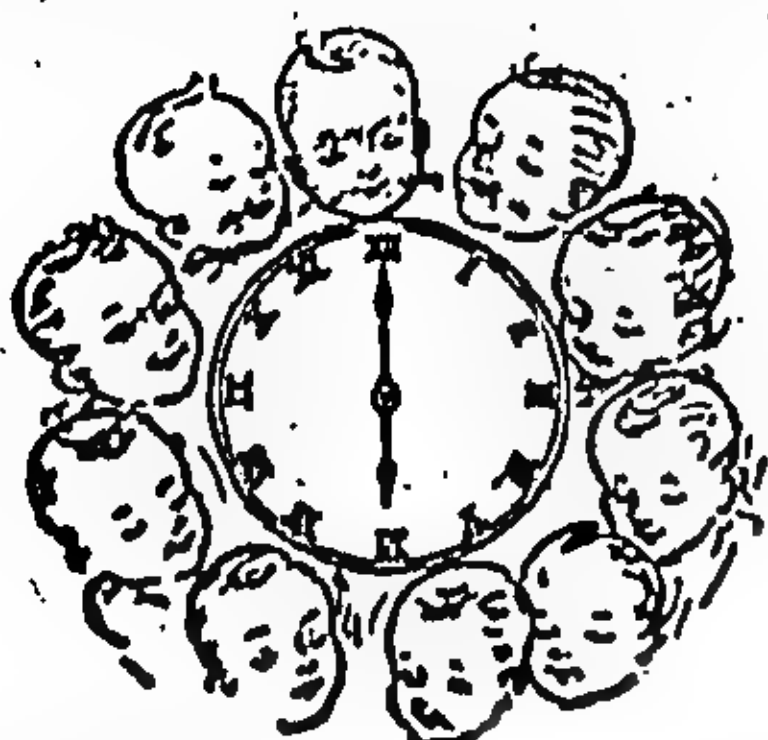
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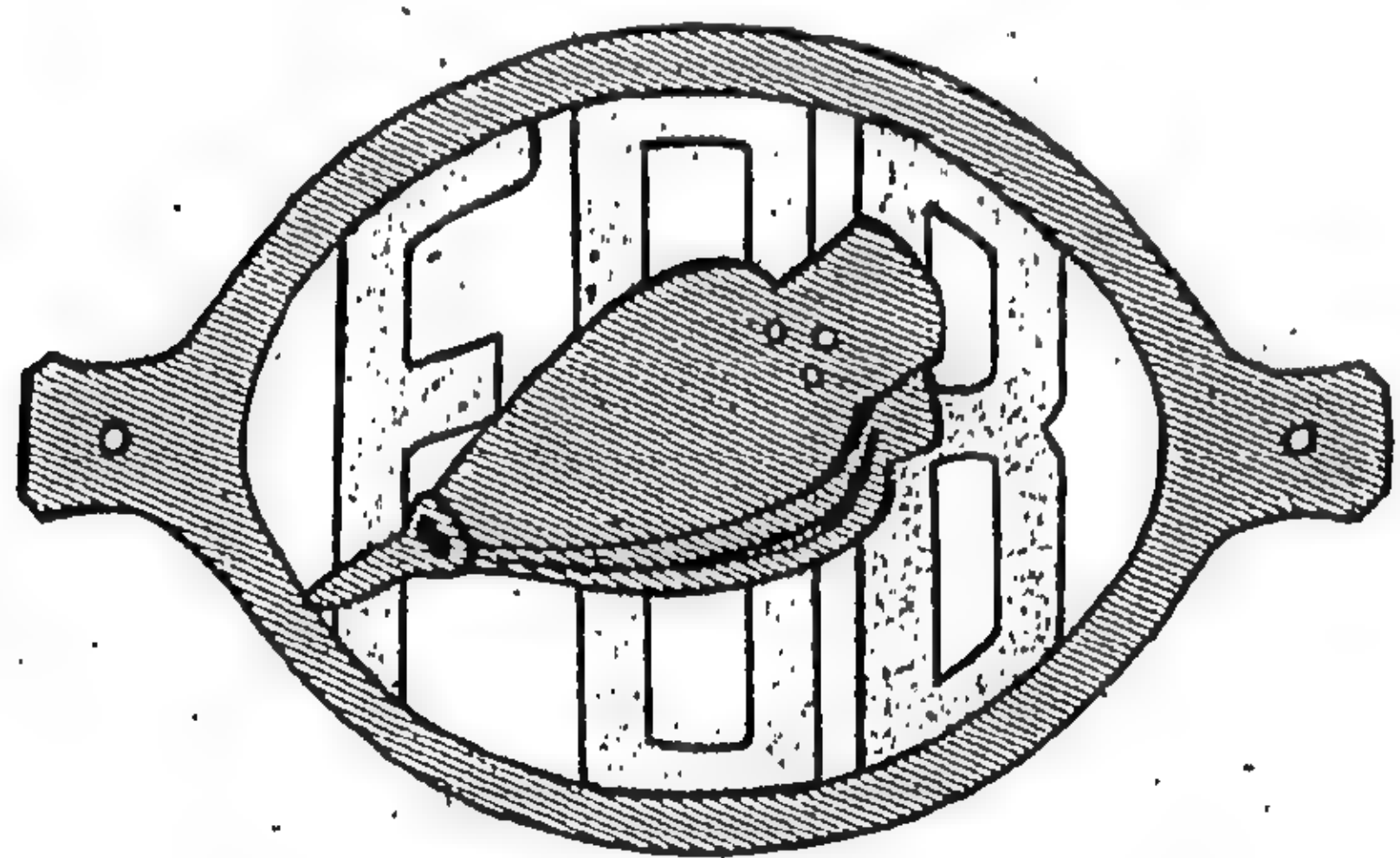
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WARTIME ECONOMICS

LORD Moyne's instructions to the Colonies on war time economics make impressive reading, but just how far they can be applied in Hongkong without upsetting the Colony's economic equilibrium is difficult to anticipate. Undoubtedly there has been an excessive consumption of what can be regarded as non-essentials during a war, but unhappily, it is just these products which have hitherto contributed so much towards Hongkong's financial stability; they are not only revenue producing, but they are the means of employment which would be hard to replace.

It is Hongkong's misfortune that she possesses no great industries which can be converted into essential war productions. Her commerce is that of retailing which depends upon imports. Restriction of those imports must have repercussions likely to involve unemployment and a consequent decrease in living standards. What local industries there are have already been severely hit by shipping restrictions and the gradual but consistent decline in trade figures must be recognised as symptomatic.

The sneaking regard which the authorities have always possessed for income tax in Hongkong will receive further stimulus from Lord Moyne's suggestion that taxation on these lines be brought much closer to the United Kingdom level. In point of fact the only opposition to the introduction of income tax among the more enlightened members of the community is based on the absence of guarantees that it will be applied equitably, or without involving expenditure out of proportion to revenue. Fundamentally income tax will always be regarded as the best form of taxation.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies also desires a great propaganda drive for investing in war savings schemes based on the paramount need of avoiding luxury expenditure. Hongkong is at one with Lord Moyne over this, but the Colony still awaits official announcement of

THE SINKING OF THE GERMAN BATTLESHIP BISMARCK has profoundly altered the balance of naval power in Northern Europe. Germany had two recently completed battleships of the most powerful type, the Bismarck and her sister ship the Tirpitz. Two other war vessels of this type are under construction but the first cannot be ready for at least twelve months and probably more. The large battle-cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau are lying seriously disabled in the Brest dockyard. This means that Germany has only one heavy warship ready for action.

It will be necessary for the Tirpitz to remain available for naval defence in the Baltic. If she is sent on commerce raiding expeditions into the Atlantic and anything happens to her, then the Russian Baltic Fleet will be in a position to exercise naval command of the whole of the Baltic.

RUSSIAN BALTIC FLEET

Much money has been spent and trouble taken to make the Russian Baltic Fleet efficient in recent years and it is known that great progress has been made. At present it consists of two old but powerful battleships.

NEW BALANCE OF NAVAL POWER

By Lord Strabolgi

These are the Marat and the Oktabrskaya-Revolutsia (October Revolution) and four large modern cruisers of the Kirov class. There are a number of smaller warships, including thirty modern torpedo-boat-destroyers and about a hundred submarines.

Apart from the Tirpitz the German Fleet consists of two pocket battleships, one of which is known to have been badly damaged by torpedo attack, three heavy cruisers, one being the Prince Eugen, and four or five light cruisers.

There is also the Swedish Fleet to be taken into account. For coastal work among the islands and straits of the Baltic the Swedish Navy is formidable. It consists of one modern cruiser, the Gotland, and five heavily armed coast defence

ships which could give a good account of themselves against any vessel of war in the German Navy with the exception of the Tirpitz. In addition the Swedish Navy has five old coast defence ships, twelve torpedo-boat-destroyers, ten large submarines and six small submarines. No doubt the Swedish nation would only enter into conflict with their mighty German neighbour if hard pressed and the German Air Force operating over the Baltic would be a serious menace not only to the Swedish Navy but to the cities and towns of Sweden as well.

It may be that there is a close enough understanding between the Governments of Berlin and Moscow to relieve the German High Command of naval anxieties in the Baltic. Nevertheless German diplomacy rests so much on the argument of armed force that the loss of the Tirpitz would seriously weaken the German position in the North.

SHIPS FOR PACIFIC

There will now be a larger margin of large and powerful warships to act as a striking force against any attempt at invasion of the British Islands. If less of the more powerful warships are required for trade protection more will be available for actual defence of the British Isles. These very large warships, with their strong deck-armor and powerful batteries of anti-aircraft guns, are less vulnerable to attack from the air than are the cruisers four of which have been sunk in the Mediterranean by bombing from aeroplanes since the first attack on Greece by Italy last October.

Another result of the sinking of the Bismarck is that it will be possible now for naval reinforcements to be sent for the British Fleet in the Pacific in case of trouble in that ocean.

For all the above reasons the sinking of the Bismarck is likely to have wider results than the mere loss of a new and powerful battleship to the German Navy.

Thus an agreement is reported between the Soviet and Swedish Governments for the safeguarding of their mutual interests in the former Baltic States. This agreement may only be of limited scope, but it may lead to closer co-operation for mutual defence and then, but for the Tirpitz, the Russian and Swedish Navies will be in a predominating position in the Baltic.

Again, even if the German Government managed to obtain possession of the remainder of the French Navy, this would only add to their strength two capital ships at the most. These are the Strasbourg, battle-cruiser, now at Toulon, and the Richelieu, which was damaged while lying at Dakar and is under-stand to have been repaired. Even with these two powerful war vessels the German Navy since the loss of the Bismarck would only be able to place three large capital ships in the line of battle and would be in a position of marked inferiority to the British Fleet stationed in North European waters.

ATLANTIC SAFE

The ever-present threat of German fast battleships reaching the Atlantic trade routes by making use of the Norwegian coast has had a serious effect on British naval strategy. There was always the possibility that the Bismarck and Tirpitz company could appear on the trade routes and there attack important convoys carrying war material from the U.S.A. to Britain.

It had been necessary to escort the more important convoys with British battleships to meet this very threat. Two of the most powerful units in the British Fleet were in the middle of the Atlantic on convoy duty when the Bismarck was first located in the Denmark Channel between Iceland and Greenland. They were able to detach themselves from their convoy and take part in the strategic dispositions for the interception of the Bismarck.

Now that only the Tirpitz is left, even supposing the German

HITLER'S ARMY OF HEATHENS

By Charles E. Hewitt

Former President of the
Foreign Correspondents'
Association of Germany

"ONWARD, PAGAN SOLDIERS!" is the battle-song to which Hitler's juggernaut is rolling across the map of Europe.

But Nazi paganism has roused its own executioner—world Christianity uniting to-day in holy anger and a sacred resolve to smash Hitler's heathen hosts and confound them for all time.

Hitler's ruthless armies are the first pagan soldiers to pour across the map of Europe for centuries.

Hitler has laboured tirelessly for six long years to make them so. For their paganism has been as vital a part of his rearmament as any of Krupp's giant cannon.

Secret-Police Chief Himmler is leading pagan of the Third Reich, and has organised his army of 300,000 Blackshirts in strict accordance. For three years all members have had to resign from Catholic and Protestant Churches and avow paganism.

THEIR PAGAN CREED

HERE are three of the twenty-five tenets in the official German heathen creed. To propagate the faith Hitler has mustered over a thousand heathen chaplains into the ranks of the German Army.

- 1.—We believe no more in the Holy Spirit. We believe in the Holy Blood.
- 2.—The Holy Land for us is Germany. And its everlasting Empire.
- 3.—Life brings a Holy Germanic trinity: battle, labour and love. For these are one and inseparable: we love battle—which brings us our great work and our highest joy.

In 1933 nearly 50 per cent. of all German schools were Church schools giving Christian education. To-day not one Church school remains.

Fitting symbol to action, the Reich under the orders of Hitler simultaneously removed the crucifixes which used to hang in each room of the old schools, and replaced them by national decrees—by a bust or picture of Hitler and a swastika.

One portion of the Reich fighting forces, the Brownshirts, has had its own heathenised version of the "Ten Commandments" since 1935.

facilities for purchasing war savings certificates. Apparently the original difficulties were caused by the fact that Hongkong was outside of the sterling bloc. She is now inside the bloc and the Colony awaits with some impatience for an official scheme for the purchase of war savings certificates.

It is the ritual sworn to by each annual muster of Storm-Troopers and party officials, and begins with the following oath, paraphrased from the Christian Creed—where it deals with the Saviour:

"I believe in my Fuehrer not with my understanding, but with my heart and soul."

"GERMAN PRAYER"

A "GERMAN Prayer" has for years been on the daily regimen of all schools. It is recited in unison by the class both at the opening and close of each session.

"Guard Adolf Hitler every day
From all our Fuehrer threaten may."

Thou send'st him in our greatest need;
Preserve him, German God, we plead."

Indoor services are regularly held throughout the Reich, always in secular surroundings—in school-houses, gymnasiums, sport auditoriums, and in giant beer-halls.

Nevertheless, much of the traditional Christian forms has been retained. The official "German Heathen Creed," for instance, is couched in verses. Here are two of them:

The German people need no Bible, a book of Jews. Our Holy Scripture is the old Nordic sagas and hero-tales.

In our hundred per cent. Nordic heathenism and our thoroughly German Church, St. Paul himself could not be admitted as pastor—nor even as a sexton. Neither could that other Jew—Jesus Christ.

WEDDING GIFT

CHRISTIAN marriage has been tossed into the scrap-heap. By law, every wedding must to-day be performed before a bust or picture of Hitler—and each couple presented, after the ceremony, with a copy of "Mein Kampf."

So completely, indeed, has heathenism identified itself with the new Germany that it has obtained a deep and real hold on millions of German men and women.

Here is an extract from a speech by a prominent school-master, Saezle, in Southern Germany, but it may be heard from the lips of thousands of German soldiers—or any other group in the population—any day in the week:

"The True Christianity of Nazism has brought us a new Gospel, the Programme of the Fuehrer."

"Our religion creates strong men, does not preserve and pamper the weak. The National Socialist takes the standpoint that our Lord God is he who bestowed upon us Adolf Hitler."

Yes! heathenism, like Hitler's own fanaticism, is one of the factors in Europe's second world war.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

How to Play
AND
How to Win

By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON

Restraint Needed

MOST defenders get a sort of senile joy out of over-ruffing the declarer. Whether this over-ruff is advisable or not rarely interests them; it is enough apparently that they can take a trick which he expected to add to his pile.

There are many situations that call for stern restraint on the part of a defender. To wit:
Match-point duplicate.
North-South vulnerable.
North dealer.

♠ A 8 6
♥ A 5 4 3
♦ K J 7 4 3
♣ J 10 9 7
N
W E
S
♠ Q 8 5 2
♥ Q 8 5 2
♦ K 7
♣ A Q 8 5
♠ K Q 4
♥ K J 10 7 6 4 3
♦ 8 2
♣ 9

The bidding:

North East South West
1♠ 1♥ 1♠ Pass
2♣ Pass 4♥ Pass

South's jump to four hearts was a bit of a stretch despite his seven-card suit and strength in spades. Three hearts would have been sufficiently aggressive. West should have doubled four hearts; his own hand was very fair and his partner had put in a diamond bid.

The diamond king was opened; East correctly overtook and confined with the queen and jack. From declarer's point of view, the contract depended on finding the queen of hearts, only singly guarded, in East's hand; hence, he correctly ruffed the third diamond with the jack. This created too much of a temptation for West who promptly over-ruffed with the queen and returned a spade. The ace won and the trump ace was cashed; then declarer led a spade to his king and drew West's remaining 8-5 of trumps with the K-10. Of course, at a four hearts doubled contract West set the contract with the club with South the declarer?

There was excellent reason for this bad East-West score. First, as noted above, West should have doubled; second, he should have defeated the contract two tricks, for 500 points.

The over-ruff of declarer's trump ten had been West's fatal error. What was the point? Surely, West could not lose his queen of trumps, triply guarded, and there might be definite advantage in maintaining his trump position. There was! The proper play was to let declarer win with the trump ten. He then would probably lead the singleton club toward dummy (not that any other play would help him). West would go up with the ace and merely exit with a low trump, for example. Dummy's ace and East's nine would fall on this trick, and now West would have the Q 8 5 of trumps over declarer's K J 7 and others. In short, with three tricks home, West would still have two sure trump tricks coming to him.

There is nothing complicated about this situation, but since it seems to elude thousands of players, I commend it to my readers' attention.

To-morrow's Hand

Rubber bridge.
Both sides vulnerable.
South dealer.

♠ 8 5 3
♥ Q 4 3
♦ 4 8
♣ A 9 4 3
N
W E
S
♠ A Q 10 9
♥ 7 5
♦ K Q 8 6
♣ J 9
♠ K 7 2
♥ A K J 10
♦ A J 7 2
♣ K 7

How should this hand be played? There is a four hearts doubled contract with South the declarer?

RADIO SPIES GUIDE R A F

Defying the Germans, secret mobile radio stations in Holland are constantly keeping the R.A.F. informed of targets for our bombers—troop concentrations, arms dumps and camouflaged airports.

Mr John Maloney, a United States Red Cross official, who has spent months in German-occupied Europe, reveals this in an article in "The American Magazine." He tells how, after repeated R.A.F. attacks on arms dumps at Den Helder, the Germans moved the ammunition to a forest 20 miles inland.

Forty-two hours after the removal had been completed, the new dump was destroyed by British bombs.

Mr-Maloney, who had access to influential people and confidential material in Hitler's Europe, saw for himself how secret armies of embittered civilians are already striking back at their conquerors.

Vicious Reprisals
"Enough hatred," he says, "is being stored up in the invaded nations to tear the Nazis to shreds if their campaign once slips."
He saw, too, something of the viciousness with which the Nazis combat sabotage.

One hundred and sixteen workers in the Skoda works at Pilsen, for instance, were executed in one month because guns they had been forced to make burst after a few rounds.

The guns, Mr Maloney discovered, were made of steel which had been spoiled when the workers added sulphur and zinc to the molten metal.

In Poland, he heard how scores of oil cans were tapped and emptied.

Vast Prison
"During recent months spent in occupied territory," he adds, "I have talked to many German officials who were not blind to the fact that the Reich military forces, with their following of Gestapo agents, have turned Europe into a vast prison and filled it with fear and smouldering hate."

"All over the Continent subjugated peoples are beginning to find ingenious ways of irritating their unwanted protectors."
"German nervousness and tension are increasing."

Provocative Actions Driving Japan And U. S. Into War

SPECIAL TO "THE TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Aug. 10 (UP).—The "Japan Newsweek" to-day editorially stated that the United States and Japan must immediately find means to halt the provocative actions which at present "seem destined, under their own momentum, to drive them into war. At this very moment, the United States is apparently toying with a course of action which will, if continued, precipitate war—namely, the virtual stoppage of oil shipments to Japan."

Tot For Tat
TOKYO, Aug. 10 (UP).—The American Embassy to-day informed the office of the Finance Ministry that the United States is prepared to unfreeze funds for Japanese officials in the United States provided that American officials in Japan are treated in a reciprocal manner. Japan has already released British funds on a similar basis and it is expected that she will accept the United States proposal.

WANG CHING-WEI S'HAU PAPER IS BURNT OUT

CHUNGKING, Aug. 10 (Central News).—Owing to the heavy damage sustained as a result of the bombing of its office yesterday, the "Central China Daily News," Wang Ching-wei's paper in Shanghai, failed to appear to-day and may not be able to resume publication for some time. Three incendiary and explosive bombs were secretly brought in by patriotic workers of the paper. The explosion set the large stock of newspaper on fire and the whole four-storey building soon caught the flames.

The fire lasted for more than four hours. It was seen even on the south banks of the Soochow Creek. Settlement Police and Japanese gendarmes threw a cordon around the place and stopped all traffic.

The total damage is estimated at approximately \$2,500,000.

Parachute Ace, Left £5,000, Is Pilot Now

Gwynne Johns, record-breaking parachutist of peacetime, is back in the news to-day because (1) he has become a wartime pilot, and (2) he has been left £5,000.

The A.T.A.—Air Transport Auxiliary—have accepted Johns as a pilot (ferrying planes); and he said:—
"I am delighted. You see, I have some trouble with my eyes that kept me out of the R.A.F.—and I am happiest in the air."

A woman—Mrs. Ada Ball, 77-year-old widow of a civil servant—has left Johns £5,000 on trust, and he said:—
"She used to tell me, 'I regard you as my son.'"

They met Mrs. Ball and Johns, when they lived at the same hotel at Bourne-mouth.

She loved to hear his stories of parachute-jumping, and he often drove her to watch his performances.

Indian Police In Week-end Surprise

The Indian Police created an upset in the Basketball League at the Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A. on Saturday when they beat the Black Cats, by 32-31. In the second game, Sing Tao found little difficulty in beating Bank Union by 60-29.

The Black Cats were completely off form and failed to take advantage of the many openings left by the Police. The Police on the other hand did far better than their opponents and played a better game than in their first encounter against the National University.

To-night the V.R.C. games will be seen in action for the first time in the League. They will meet Yu Leung. Prior to the V.R.C.—Yu Leung match, Wah Kiu will meet Ping Ching. Judging from their performance in their match against Bank Union, whom they beat by 54 points to 28, Wah Kiu should find little difficulty in beating Ping Ching to-night.

League Standings	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
South China	1	4	0	8
National University	2	3	1	6
Chinese Y.M.C.A.	3	2	2	4
Residents Union	4	1	3	2
Black Cats	5	0	4	0
Yu Leung	6	0	4	0
Ping Ching	7	0	4	0
Bank Union	8	0	4	0
Travellers	9	0	4	0
V.R.C.	10	0	4	0

Shock For Every Girl In Uniform

Girls in the A.T.S., Waifs and Wrens are going to be hit harder than anyone by the new clothes rationing order.

The "Sunday Pictorial" understands that they won't get any coupons at all.

Those who liked to wear their own "undies" will now have to wear the ones officially issued to them. Many girls complain that these fit badly.

Men and girls joining the Services from now will have to surrender their clothing coupons to a responsible military, naval or Air Force authority.

THEY SAVED HER VEIL

Here's the story of one happy occasion the blitz has not been able to spoil.

On the way to the office a London girl reporter stopped for a moment to watch some demolition workers clearing away the last remains of a row of bombed houses.

One of the shovellers uncovered a small tissue-paper parcel. He picked it up and gently unwrapped it, then called to his four mates. They had found a treasure.

On going closer, the reporter saw the most perfect, unsold wedding veil and orange blossom headpiece.

Nobody said a word, but grubby hands fingered it almost reverently. At that moment a pretty girl came up and unthinkingly asked: "Have you found my wedding clothes yet?"

LONDON, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—Lord Willington, who has been ill at his London home with pneumonia for some days, was stated to-night to be "very much the same."

Donations For Orthopaedic Hospitals

At noon on Saturday, August 9, the total of the Donor Fund had reached \$4,643.21 with the following donations:

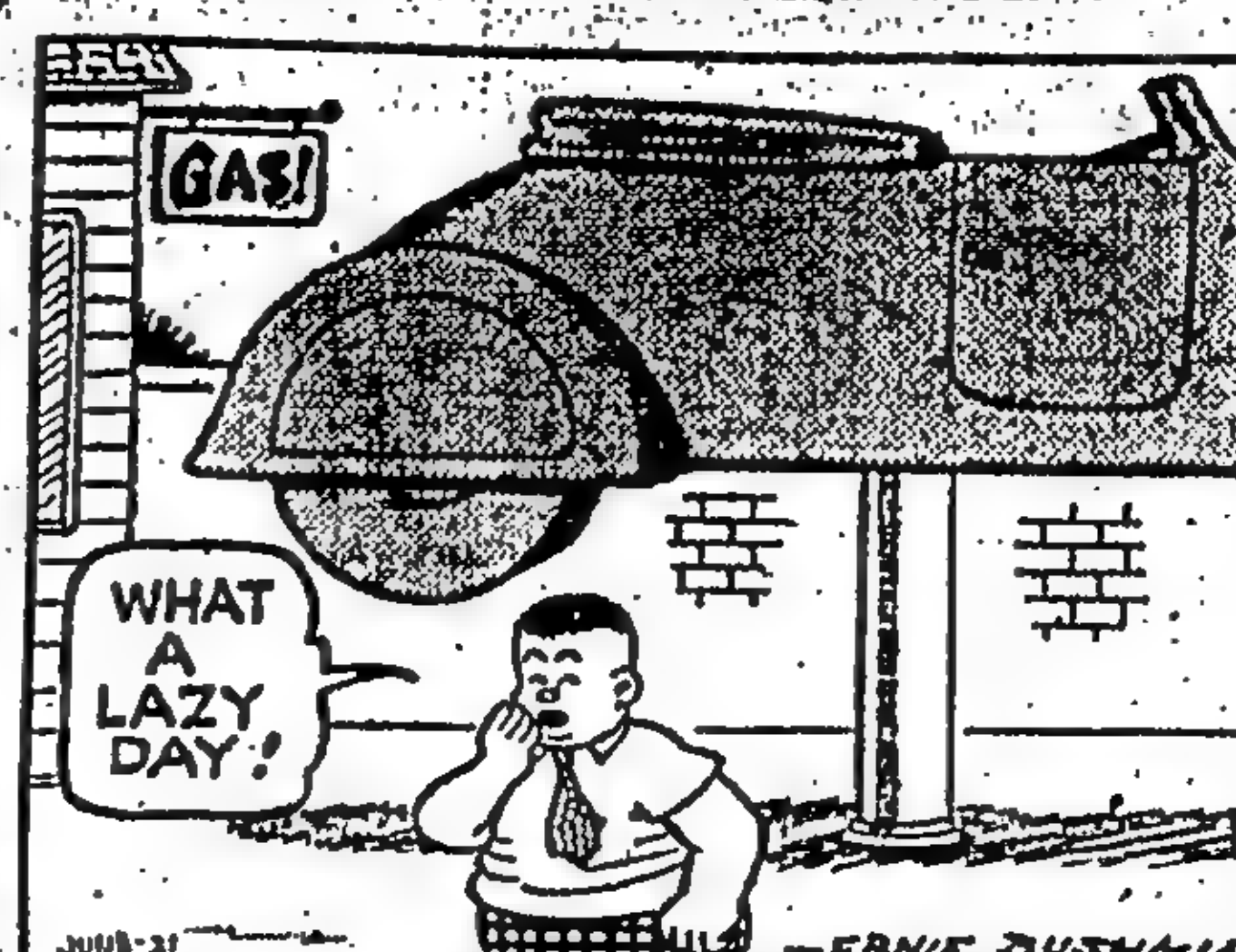
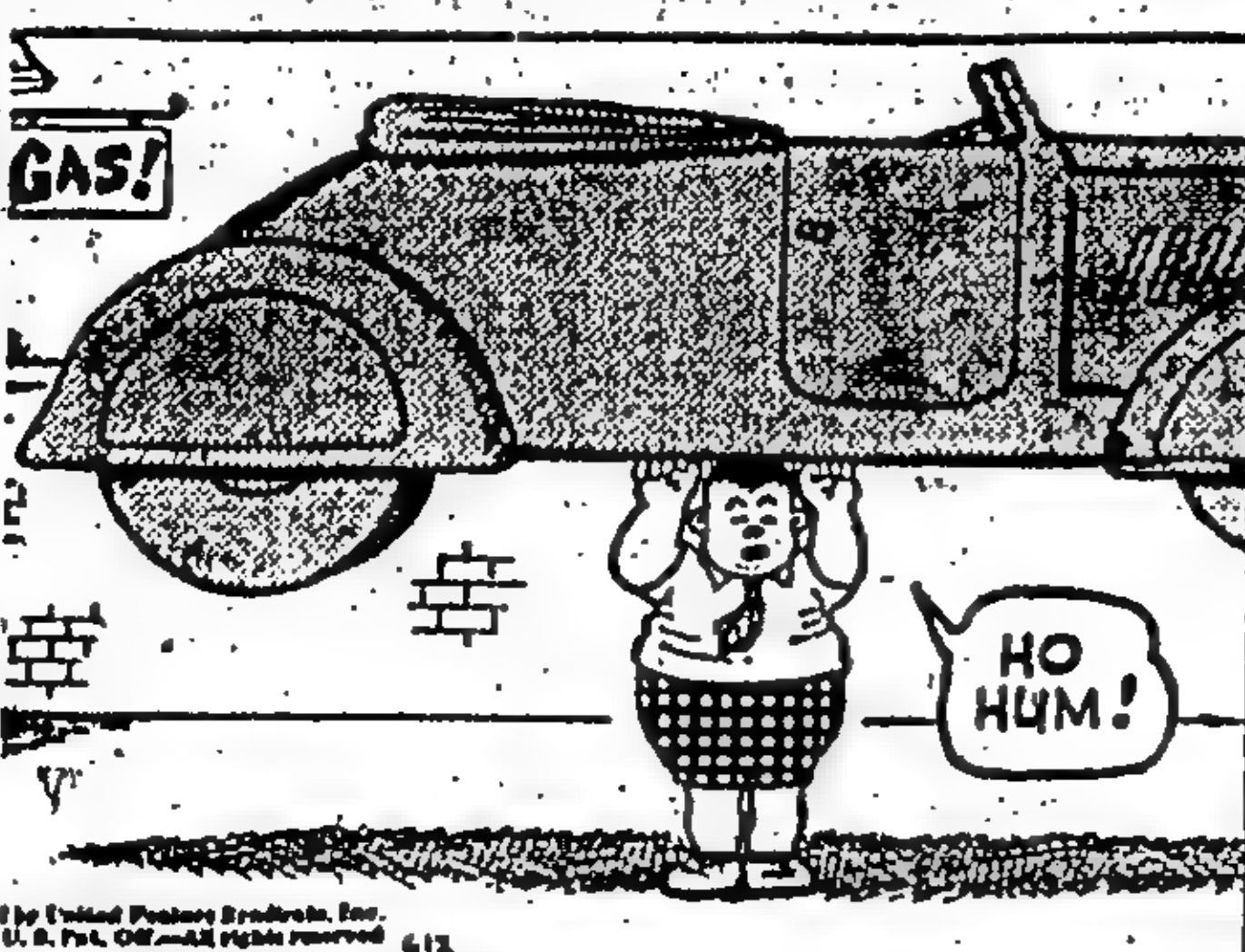
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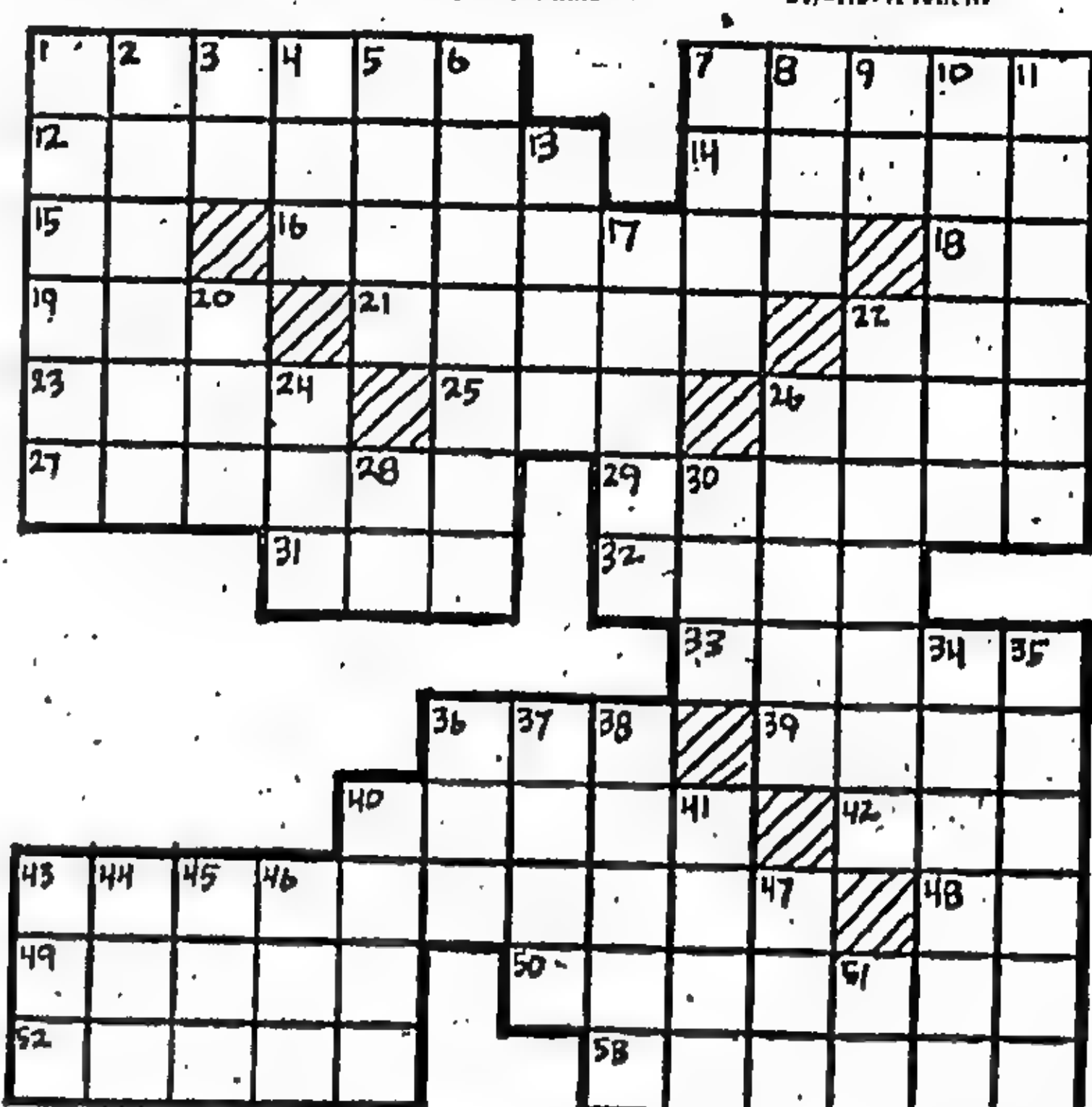
By Ernie Bushmiller



Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

- ACROSS
- Interval of person
 - Particular to
 - Involving
 - Travelling burden
 - Plant furnishing
 - That thing
 - Place in wrong place
 - Unimpaired
 - Acting direction
 - Where glacier
 - Poultry disease
 - Creek god of love
 - That thing is
 - Free from doubt
 - Inner coat of
 - Loved with devotion
 - Practise lack of
 - Ornith-like birds
 - Person
 - Corresponding to
 - Best in church
 - Hander calumny
 - Unlikely rodents
 - Plant with seed
 - Are keenly
 - Device for
 - Fast express-train
 - You and
 - More white and
 - Spotless
- DOWN
- Protestant verbiage
 - Give money to
 - Atchafalaya
 - Conception of being
 - Desire something
 - High and good
 - Grudge through
 - Narrow groove
 - Province in
 - Little child
 - Unlikely rodents
 - Act of wrongdoing
 - Place with
 - Multiple wings
 - Negative answer
 - Grudge through
 - Small gardening
 - Those who chop
 - Abbreviation for
 - Large ocean
 - Seven soldiers of
 - Disco
 - Travels from dirt
 - Mother's milk
 - Dead of animal
 - Put away completely
 - Star alarm of ship
 - Work at with
 - Steadiness
 - Dead of fruit
 - Thinly (scatish)
 - Work at with
 - His French



WAR PRISONERS' MAIL BY AIR

The Assistant Postmaster-General, Mr. Allan Chapman, announced in the House of Commons recently that an arrangement had been agreed in principle with the German Government whereby letters to and from British prisoners of war in Germany will be conveyed by air between Lisbon and Germany in return for the conveyance by air between the United Kingdom and Lisbon of letters to and from German prisoners of war.

Up to the present, the normal route from Lisbon has been by train through Spain, France and Switzerland. The use of the air service between the United Kingdom and Lisbon has already resulted in a considerable speeding up of delivery in both directions, and the new scheme which will come into operation upon an agreed date, will improve the service still further, writes a London correspondent.

Schoolboys Bag Nazi Airman

While watch was being kept in South of England woodland country for the third member of a Nazi bomber crew shot down by one of our fighters, three schoolboys were taking the airman in a motor-car to the police station.

The lads, Edward and David Smith, twin brothers, aged 17, and Desmond Mercer, aged 17, all of whom are evacuated to the country from bombed towns, discovered the airman after they had been to see the wreckage of his plane.

"We had driven about two miles on our homeward journey," they said, "when we found him lying at the side of a lonely road waving his arms feebly. He had been badly wounded in the leg."

"The German asked us for water, but someone else came along and gave him milk to drink and cucumber sandwiches to eat. The airman had attended to his wound, dressing his leg with splints made from pieces of wood bound with parachute cloth. He had been crawling through woodland since he was shot down and was obviously relieved to get in the car. We soon drove him three miles to the police station."

During the last war one letter a fortnight, plus one postcard a week, were the limits imposed by the German military authorities upon the letter-writing activities of the British soldiers who had the misfortune to become a "Kaiser's Guest."

This term was Tommy Atkin's interpretation of the "K.G." painted on his clothing to afford a ready means of identification in the event of escape from an internment camp, and was an abbreviation of Kriegsgefangener—meaning prisoner of war.

When the 1914-18 war was about half way through the British and German Governments decided to transfer an equal number of prisoners from each side to a neutral country. Holland agreed to their accommodation within her border, allotting Scheveningen, the charming seaside town near the Hague, to the British contingent.

Unrestricted Letters

After the camp was set up the Dutch authorities delighted the troops by allowing free postage without restriction of the number of letters sent. This provided a splendid inducement to undertake arduous correspondence, and the local post office was soon overwhelmed by an avalanche of letters.

Among the prisoners were many British Post Office workers and they came to the assistance of the local staff.

Scuttlers Will Be Fired On

The Admiralty has issued a stern warning to the Nazi ship scuttlers.

It was put out over the radio, and said:

"Masters of enemy ships are warned that H.M. ships may make to them the signal 'W.B.A.' in the International Code of Signals.

"This will mean: Stop—do not lower boats—do not scuttle—do not use radio—if you disobey I open fire."

The London press has already urged that vigorous measures should be taken against Germans who scuttle their ships.

"We should not necessarily undertake their rescue if they choose to scuttle and take to their lifeboats," it was argued.

Cinemas Will Have To Shut Unless—

Half the cinemas in Britain will have to close if the shortage of skilled operators is not checked at once.

So declares Lt.-Col. S. K. Lewis, president of the showman's society, in a letter to Mr. Ernest Bevin.

New proposals to reserve operators at the age of 35 will still fail to meet the need.

Women and boys are being trained by several of the big circuits, but the results are so small, says Col. Lewis, that it is impossible to keep pace with the loss of existing operators.

Mr. T. O'Brien, general secretary of the National Association of Theatre and Cinema Employees, blames the trade for not being sufficiently vigorous about this crisis.

But he strongly supports immediate discussion with the Ministry of Labour.

American Civilians, Industry Feel Wartime Restrictions

NEW YORK, Aug. 6 (UP).—Millions of Atlantic seaboard families will be obliged to make moderate adjustments in their way of living next winter because of anticipated shortage of fuel oil, soft coal, and gasoline.

GIRL'S MAGIC HANDS

Magic hands heal and soothe the bomb-shocked nerves of people in South Kensington, London.

They belong to A.R.P. Warden Sylvia Schweppe, who can convey all the sensations of a pulsating electric motor through her hands as she massages those who come to her post for First Aid.

Her mysterious touch, which a Harley-street specialist has never seen before, also brings paralysed muscles back into use and restores sleep to the young and old. Sylvia Schweppe discovered her gift by accident. Once secretary to a South African M.P., she went to Britain on a trip.

Sea Victim

"One day, shortly after I arrived," she told the "Sunday Chronicle," "a friend showed me how to massage, and I discovered that by controlling my muscles I could produce this strange vibrating sensation.

"At the outbreak of war I visited a famous Harley-street specialist and showed him what I could do. He told me he had never seen a similar case, and was sure that my hands are very rare.

"He encouraged me to use them, saying it was just what was needed to restore the health of the bomb-shocked."

At the present moment, however, Miss Schweppe is trying to heal the nerves of a girl bombed not in London, but at sea. This patient is suffering from shock as the result of being bombed, machine-gunned, and exposed for many hours in an open boat.

Girl Aides In Hitler's Train

The first detailed description of Hitler's "Circus" from which his High Command communicates are issued daily, was given recently by a diarist.

He says it is a train of six coaches, which is the centre of a vast organisation.

Hitler occupies one coach and his secretaries another.

The four remaining coaches contain a radio transmitter, a kitchen, and accommodation for Hitler's staff.

One coach is an anti-aircraft station, complete with heavy guns. Hitler's two principal secretaries are girls—Christa Schröder, petite

The United States possesses immense petroleum resources, but because the Federal Government has assigned a fleet of oil tankers to the British service, the supply of oil and gasoline coming up to the Eastern states from Gulf ports has been drastically curtailed. To alleviate this situation a transcontinental pipeline will be constructed. It will not be completed, however, in time for the cold autumn and winter weather that lies ahead.

Secretary of the Interior Harold I. Ickes, who has been appointed Defence Oil Coordinator by President Roosevelt, has meanwhile launched a campaign urging automobile drivers to stop spurring their cars, with consequent waste of pure gasoline driven out through exhaust pipes, and to eliminate non-essential driving to "save oil for our battleships."

Ickes during the spring months was also urging domestic consumers to buy their winter supplies of coal early, hoping thereby to increase by 3,000,000 tons the summer movement of coal from mine to consumer.

Coal Supplies

American coal supplies are, however, adequate for all needs; soft coal production totals 675,000,000 tons yearly compared to estimated needs of 600,000,000. Here again the difficulty arises from an anticipated shortage of transportation facilities next winter.

Additional coal will also be needed by the steel industry to meet increased production demands. The Office of Production Management in Washington recently requested the steel industry to expand its productive capacity by 10,000,000 tons. The proposed increase of 10,000,000 tons will raise the capacity of the industry to about 102,000,000 tons on the basis of indicated plans when expansion programmes now being carried out become effective at the end of this year.

Officials predicted that production of 1942-model automobiles would be cut off more than the 20 percent over the 1941 output, which the OPM already has ordered when a survey of sheet and strip steel mills is completed. The rolling mill capacity would then be used to turn out plates for shipbuilding, railway car building, and for other "urgent defence purposes," the OPM said.

and blonde; and Wanda Dananowsky, massive and brunette.

Polish Descent

Wanda is of Polish descent, and speaks Russian.

Sitting beside Hitler, she listens to the "Russian" broadcasts, translating to the Fuehrer as she listens.

The train is constantly on the move as it goes from one section of the front to another.

It is always carefully guarded by tanks, which patrol the neighbourhood, while a Luftwaffe squadron cruises overhead.

If a suitable house is found in the neighbourhood, Hitler moves into it. But he rarely stays anywhere longer than 48 hours when at the front.

Demands For Rubber

Increasing demands for rubber in the defence and British aid programmes has boosted consumption 200,000 tons above the normal annual level of 600,000 tons, according to defence officials, and the United States may find it necessary to ration supplies of rubber soon despite record imports.

Neoprene—a synthetic rubber used in self-sealing aeroplane gasoline tanks—already has been placed under industry-wide, mandatory priority by OPM priorities director Edward R. Stettinius, Jr.

OPM production director John D. Biggers has asked manufacturers of collapsible tubes used for shaving preparations, toothpaste, paints and adhesives to save 1,000 tons of tin annually by seeking substitutes. Biggers asked manufacturers to curtail one-third of their use of tin for tubes by July 1; two-thirds by Aug. 1; and "All of it" by Sept. 1.

Aluminum And Zinc

On June 11, Priorities Director Stettinius issued orders placing aluminum scrap and zinc under full priority control. A confidential report, recently prepared by defence agencies for the Office of Production Management's Priorities Division, estimated capacity production of the zinc industry this year at 625,000 tons with American and British defence requirements of 275,000 tons and civilian demand at 887,000 tons—leaving a shortage of nearly 230,000 tons. The industry has estimated a 1941 military demand of 400,000 tons.

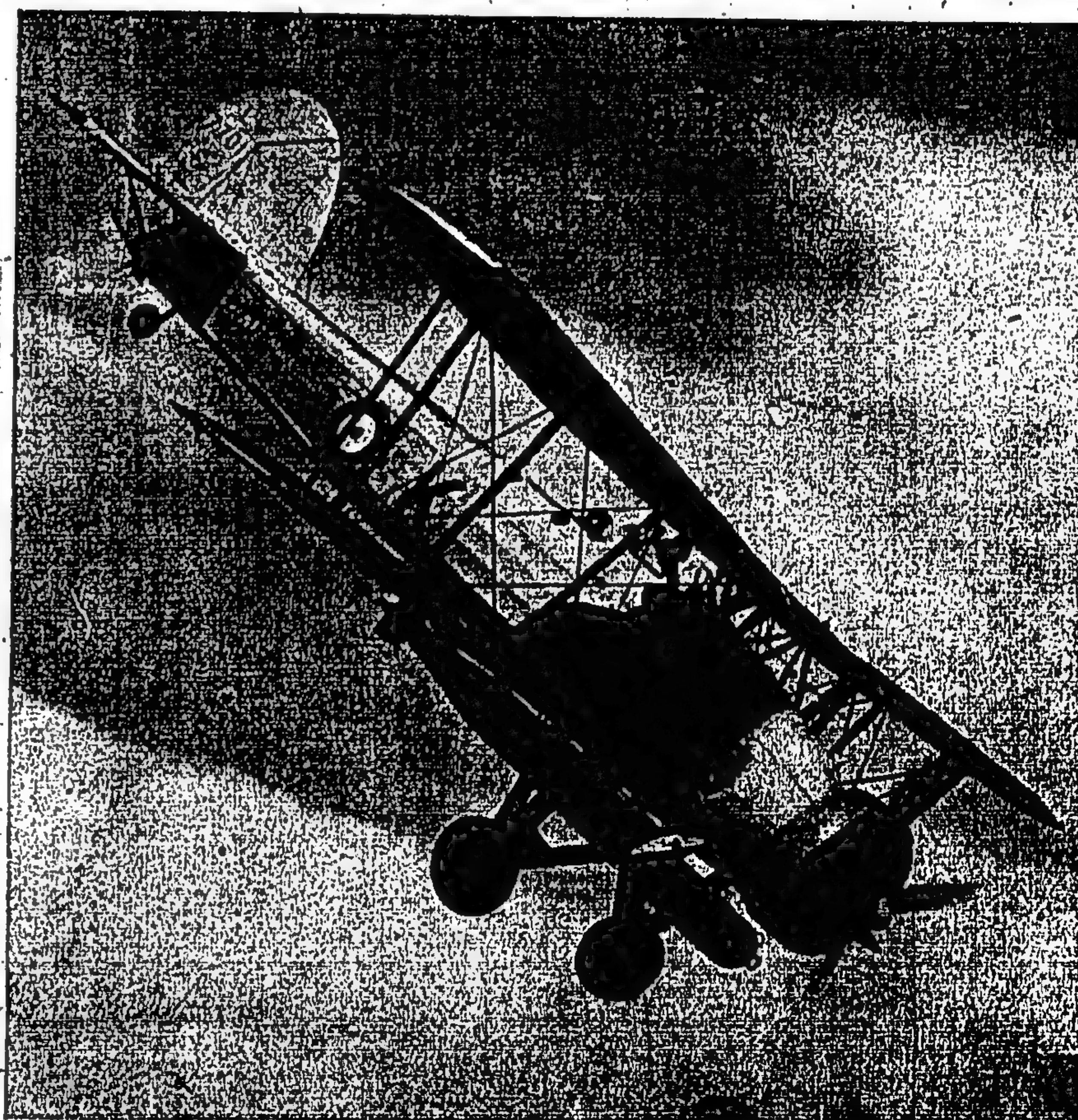
The reports also estimated industry capacity at 698,000 tons during 1942 purposes and, if unchecked, a civilian demand of more than 1,000,000 tons. Allowance was made for some 200,000 tons of zinc concentrates to be imported annually from Newfoundland and Mexico.

The rationing action, if and when taken, would curtail zinc supplies available for the production of civilian galvanised articles such as pails, garbage cans, posts, roofing materials and hundreds of brass items. The metal will be used to manufacture military brass—30 per cent zinc and 70 per cent copper—for ordnance, quartermaster construction, shipbuilding and die casting.

Newspapers Affected

In the meantime, it was revealed that newspapers, too, may suffer as a result of shortages in certain strategic metals needed for aluminium production. Walter E. Wines, American Newspaper Publishers' Association mechanical department manager, addressing the 15th annual mechanical conference of the ANPA in Buffalo, N. Y., said that in the near future civilian supplies of tin, which feeds the linotype machines, zinc used in photo-engraving, and cork which is used in making newspaper "mats" will be sharply curtailed because of the demand for these materials for armament.

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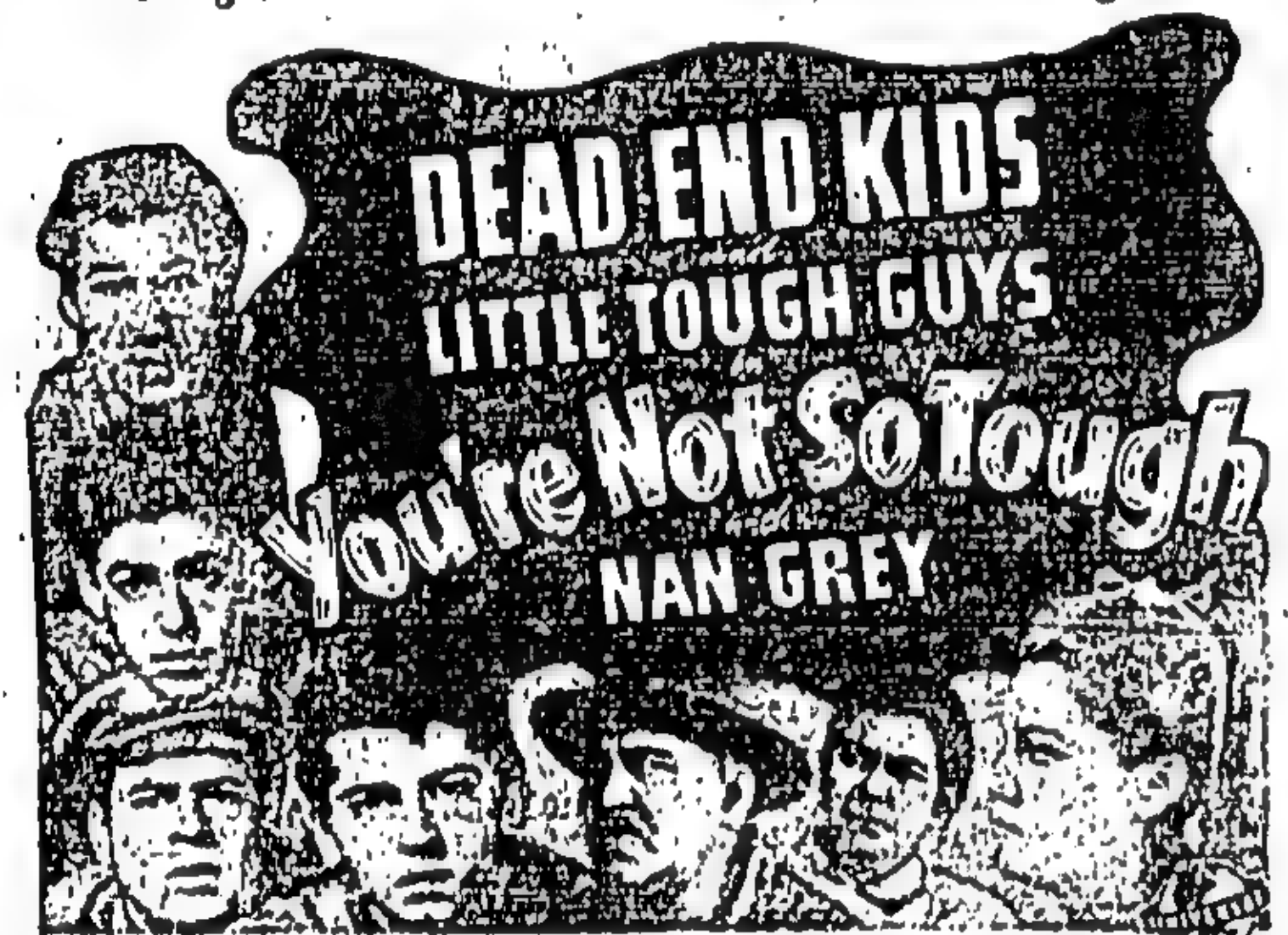


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Soviet Guerillas

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my purpose then was to thank countless friends for much kindness. It is to those same friends, and even of greater kindness, that I want to speak to-day.

We, like yourselves, love peace and have not devoted years behind us to the planning of death destruction. As yet save in the valour of our people, we have not matched our groups with several other guerilla groups.

A revolt of Albanian peasants against Italian usurpers broke out in several villages north of the town of Zeryan. Detachments of troops were sent by the occupation authorities from Greece to suppress the revolt but were smashed by the insurrectionists. The Albanians captured four Italian mountain guns, eight machine-guns and a large number of hand grenades.

Late Communique
MOSCOW, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—The following is the text of a communique issued by the Soviet Information Bureau at 10.30 p.m. G.M.T.

"On August 10 our troops continued fighting stubbornly against the enemy in the directions of Tolski, Kholm, Smolensk, Byela-Tserkov and Uman.

"Our air force in co-operation with the land forces inflicted blows on enemy panzer troops and infantry. On August 9 our air force brought down 43 German aircraft and lost 25 of our own.

"According to precise data now available, during the German raid on Moscow on the night of August 8-9, ten German aircraft were brought down and not eight as previously reported.

"During the day of August 9, our fighters destroyed in addition five German reconnaissance aircraft in the Moscow civil defence zone.

Nazis Silence
LONDON, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—Following their recent claim of great military successes against the Russians in the Ukraine, the Nazis to-day fell strangely silent about the operations on the eastern front.

The German mid-day communique resurrected the well-known phrase about "operations continuing according to plan" but made no specific military claims. Even Goebbels' official news agency—usually so verbose—had little to say about the progress of the fighting.

Where Battles Raging
According to the Moscow communique, battles are still raging in the same sectors of the front, namely, Smolensk, where the Nazis have now been held up for weeks after driving an ugly wedge into the Russian lines; Korosten, an important Ukrainian railway town 90 miles northwest of Kiev, the capture of which (Korosten) the Germans recently claimed; and the Estonian sector where the Germans are trying to smash their way through to Leningrad.

A message from Stockholm to-night indicates that the Germans are now trying to modify the sensational claims they made yesterday of the trapping of Soviet forces in southern Ukraine by an encircling movement aiming at cutting off the Black Sea port of Odessa and Nikolalev.

Meanwhile Soviet guerilla bands, it is officially announced in Moscow, are continuing their work in the German rear. Some of them are operating as far back as Lwow in Poland over 250 miles behind the German lines.

Scorched Earth
ZURICH, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—The thoroughness of Russia's "scorched earth" policy is amply demonstrated by German war films and propaganda reports, according to the Berlin correspondent of the Swiss paper "National Zeitung."

"No town, no village, no settlement remains spared. Hundreds of thousands of dwellings have been razed to the ground," he writes, adding that a German war correspondent who toured the whole front concluded his report saying: "The end of the fighting cannot yet be foreseen."

Berlin Communique
BERLIN, Aug. 10 (UP).—To-day's communique says that operations on the eastern front are proceeding according to schedule.

Strong forces of the Luftwaffe were particularly successful in attacking armament and plane plants, transportation facilities and public utility establishments at Moscow. Many fires were started in the centre of the city and the north Moscow bend. The Luftwaffe's fight against the Soviet air force was again very successful recently, and the enemy has now lost over 10,000 planes along the entire eastern front including the Finnish sector since June 22.

The Luftwaffe's fight against British provisioning vessels achieved new successes. In daylight raids, German bombers operating near the East Faroe Islands sank a 6,000 ton freighter, and during the night attacked a convoy off the British northeast coast sinking four commercial vessels aggregating 23,000 tons. East of Great Yarmouth a large freighter was set afire.

During the air attacks on the Suez roadstead on the night of August 8, German bombers sank an 8,000 ton vessel and during the night a light British cruiser by bomb hits.

Further air attacks were directed last night against several harbours on the Scottish east coast and military establishments in Leicestershire county. Along the Channel coast the British air force yesterday shot 16 planes in air fights and three by anti-aircraft fire. Only one German plane was lost. No enemy planes entered German territory yesterday.

Boxer Fund Studies Are Postponed
CHUNGKING, Aug. 10 (International).—The Board of Directors of the British Boxer Indemnity Fund has announced that owing to the European war no Chinese students will be sent to England to pursue advanced studies this year.

Those who have left Hongkong are recalled.

Germans Desire African Coast Bases

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cupied zone has been developing the idea that a general re-shuffling of the Government is necessary if a new impulse be given to general policy, especially foreign policy. In any case, the problems of external and internal policy seem to be closely linked. The subjects which formed part of yesterday's deliberations are able to be examined under this double aspect.

"Great importance continues to be attached to the part which M. Joseph Barthelmy, Minister of Justice, played in the exchanges of views. It is rumoured that he is the author of a report of a juridical nature regarding the application of the Armistice terms."

Unofficial Meeting
VICHY, Aug. 10 (UP).—Members of the French Cabinet held an unofficial meeting at 6 p.m. to-day after Marshal Petain's return from the race where he spent the afternoon with General Weyand. It was not a full Cabinet meeting but most Cabinet members met at the Parc Hotel to continue negotiations with General Weyand which began yesterday.

While Marshal Petain was at the race track, he was joined by M. Caplain, the French Ambassador to Germany who is in charge of prisoners' affairs and who arrived directly from Berlin where, it is believed, he negotiated with the German authorities for the liberation of more categories of prisoners.

Bonnet In Vichy
LONDON, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—M. Paul Bonnet, the former French Foreign Minister, has arrived in Vichy, reports the German radio.

The announcer added: "Bonnet has always pressed Marshal Petain to collaborate with Germany."

A Vichy dispatch quoted by the German radio states that according to rumours prevalent in Vichy, Admiral Darlan is to be made "Admiral of France" owing to his "outstanding merits." He will also be raised to a military rank giving him greater authority in regard to military matters.

NAZIS SUFFER SERIOUS LOSSES
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man lines, sabotaging and holding farms and even villages.

Northern Front
STOCKHOLM, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—The cutting off of several Russian divisions is claimed in a Finnish communique.

It says that the enemy's fortified positions have been broken through and that wedges have been driven as far as Lake Ladoga. Several enemy divisions have been cut off.

There have been great enemy losses of men and material owing to obstinate resistance.

It adds that the completion of encirclement and destruction of the enemy is continuing, but does not mention a single place.

Artillery Practices
Light gun firing practice will be carried out to-day, to-morrow, Wednesday and Friday between the hours of 6 p.m. and midnight.

Firing Areas "D" and "E" will be affected.

Heavy gun anti-aircraft firing practice will be carried out in the western area of the Island to-morrow, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Firing Areas "D" and "E" will be affected.

Alternative dates—August 13 and 14 1941.

Light gun anti-aircraft practice will be carried out on August 16, 1941, in the eastern area of the Island between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Firing Area "B" will be affected.

Light gun firing practice will be carried out on August 17, 1941, between the hours of 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Firing Area "D" will be affected.

LATE NEWS

Queen Elizabeth Speaks To America

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enemies and it is only now that we are beginning to marshal around us in their full strength the devotion and resources of our great British family of nations which will in the end, please God, assuredly prevail.

Courage of People
Through these waiting months, a heavy burden is being borne by our people. As I go amongst them, I marvel at their unshakable constancy. In many climes, their homes are left in ruins as are many of those ancient buildings which you know and love hardly less than we do ourselves.

Women and children have been killed and even sufferers in hospital have not been spared. Yet hardship has only steeled our hearts and strengthened our resolution. Wherever I go, I see bright eyes and smiling faces, for though our road is stony and hard, it is straight and we know that we fight in a just cause. It is not our way in dark days to turn for support to others, but even had we minded as to do, your instant help would have forestalled us.

Generosity Appreciated
The warmth and sympathy of American generosity has touched beyond measure the hearts of all of us living and fighting in these islands. We can never and shall never forget that in the hour of our greatest need, you came forward with clothes for the homeless, food for the hungry, comfort for those who were sorely afflicted.

Canteens, ambulances and medical supplies have come in an unceasing flow from the United States. I find it hard to tell you of our gratitude in adequate terms though I ask you to believe that it is deep and sincere beyond expression.

Unless you have seen as I have seen just how your gifts have been put to use, you cannot know perhaps the solace which you have brought to men and women of Britain, who are suffering and toiling in the cause of freedom.

Women's Work
Here in Britain, our women are working in the factory and in the field, turning the lathe and gathering the harvest, for we must have food as well as munitions. Their courage is magnificent, their endurance amazing. I have seen them in many different activities. They are serving in their thousands with Navy, Army and Air Force, driving heavy lorries, cooking, cyphering and typing and everyone of them is working cheerfully and bravely under all conditions. Many are on the land, our precious soil, driving the plough and making a grand job of it.

Others are air raid wardens or ambulance drivers, thousands of undaunted women who quietly and calmly face the terrors of night bombings, bringing strength and courage to the people they protect and help.

Word For Nurses
I must give a special word to the nurses, those wonderful women whose devotion and whose heroism will never be forgotten. In the black horror of a bombed hospital, they never flatter and though often wounded, think always of their patients and never of themselves.

And I need not remind you, who set as much store by your home life as we do, how great are the difficulties which our house-wives have to face nowadays and how gallantly they are tackling them.

I could continue the list almost indefinitely, so manifold is the service which our women in Britain are giving. But I want to tell you that whatever the nature of their duty, no night is less than theirs, they are cheered by the evidence of your thought for them.

Woman To Women
We like to picture you knitting on your porches, serving in your committee rooms and helping in a hundred ways to bring relief to our civilian garrison here. Though I speak for us all in Britain in thanking all of you in America, I feel that I would like to send a special message of thanks to American women. It gives us strength to know that you have not been content to pass us by on the other side. To us in the time of our tribulation, you have surely shown that compassion which has been for 2,000 years the mark of the good neighbour.

Believe me, and I am speaking for millions of us who know the bitter but also the proud sorrow of war, we are grateful. We shall not forget your sacrifice. The sympathy which inspires it springs not only from our common speech and traditions, which we share with you, but even more from our common ideals.

Sinful Tyranny
To you tyranny is as sinful as it is to us. To you, the things for which we will fight to the death are no less sacred; and to my mind at any rate—your generosity is born of your conviction that we fight to serve a cause that is yours no less than ours; of your high resolve that, however great the cost and however long the struggle, justice and freedom, human dignity and kindness shall not perish from the earth. I look to the day when we shall go forward hand in hand to build a better, kinder and happier world for our children. May God bless you all."

Revolution In Siberia, Report
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Aug. 10 (UP).—A Finnish radio heard last night broadcasting that a counter-revolution had broken out in Siberia led by a Russian emigre from Mexico. The broadcaster said that the rebels are reported to have large quantities of arms and ammunition.

No Evidence
MEXICO CITY, Aug. 10 (UP).—A Communist spokesman says that the Helsinki report "sounds fantastic" and that he "knew" of no Russian emigre who had returned to Russia recently from Mexico City.

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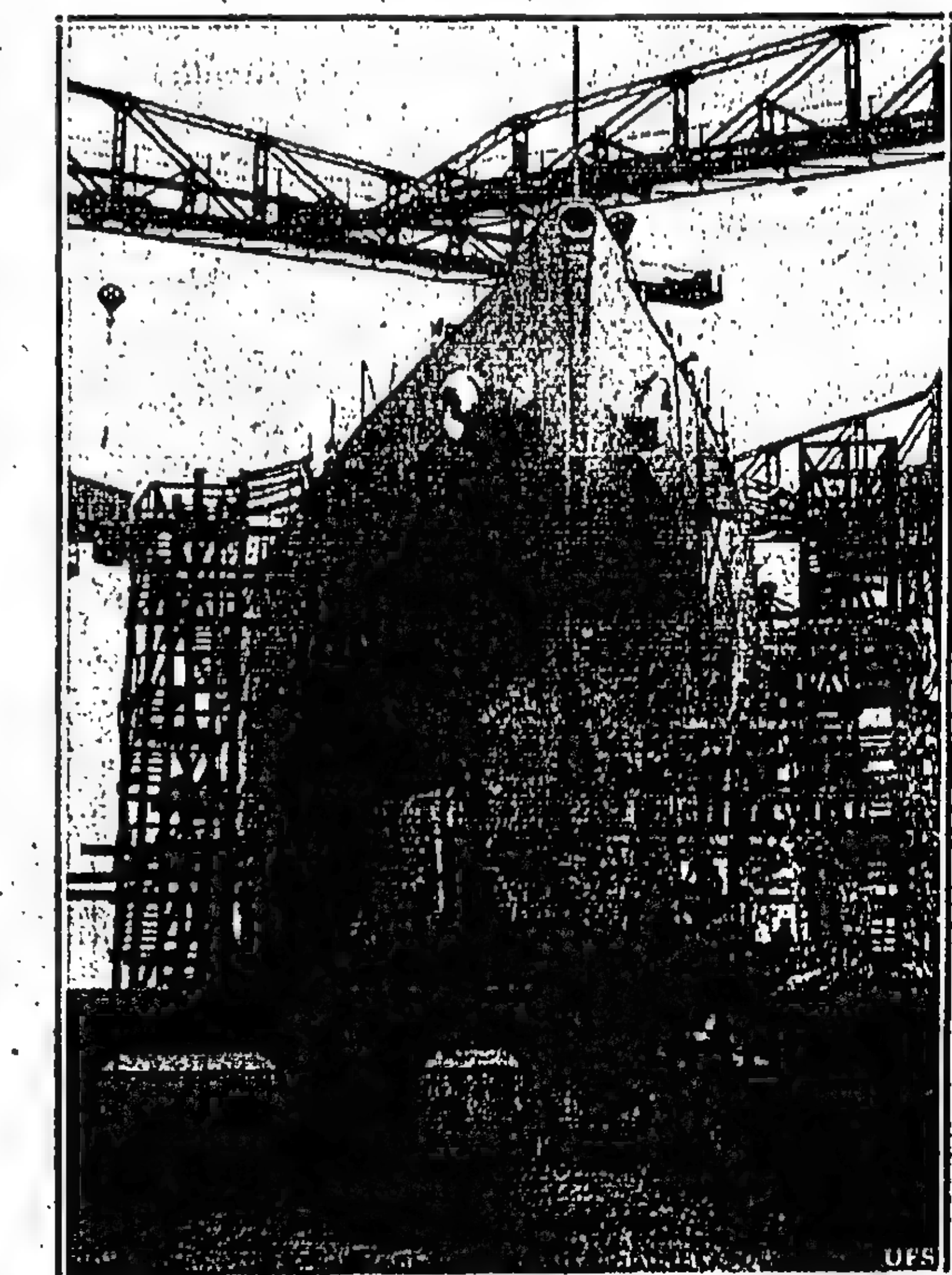
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NEW NAZI OFFENSIVE HALTED AS RUSSIANS MAKE COUNTER-ATTACK

Special to the "Telegraph"

MOSCOW, AUG. 10 (UP).—THE RUSSIAN ARMY IS REPORTED TO HAVE HALTED THE LATEST GERMAN OFFENSIVE AND LAUNCHED A SERIES OF COUNTER-BLOWS STRENGTHENING THE DEFENCES AT MOSCOW, LENINGRAD AND KIEV.

TO-DAY'S COMMUNIQUE CLAIMED THE ANNIHILATION OF ALMOST AN ENTIRE REGIMENT — THE 307TH OF THE 163RD DIVISION — WHICH HAD BEEN SHIFTED TO THE FINNISH RUSSIAN FRONT FROM NARVIK.

NEW AXIS MOVE REPORTED

European Conference To Be Called

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Aug. 10 (UP).—A conference between eight European nations aimed to solidify the Axis Europe against Britain, the United States and Russia is reported to likely occur within the next fortnight. The countries represented would be Italy, Germany, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, Finland, Slovakia and Croatia.

The meeting is reported to be prompted by the growing intentions of the United States and Russia as well as Britain in the present conflict.

It is understood that the plans will make a pool of armies, economic resources, food supplies etcetera of these countries for a tri-partite war machine. In the event the United States becomes involved in the conflict, especially through the Russian fighting.

Finland Roped In

Some observers suggest that the reported presence of Finland in the conference means that Finland will sign the tri-partite pact very soon. It also would mark the international debut of Croatia.

In view of the fact that all eight countries are considered to be able, at least morally, to fight against Russia, it is pointed out that Russia is bound to be the main item on the agenda with United States and British aid there as being items for special attention.

The conference is also seen as the first concrete step toward the foundation of a new Axis in Europe, in which such conferences would replace the League of Nations meetings at Geneva.

There is secrecy regarding the meeting place but it is generally believed that it will likely be Vienna which is becoming a sort of a tri-partite meeting place, or Venice which is also becoming a European Axis conference city.

Polish Refugees To Leave Japan

TOKYO, Aug. 10 (UP).—It is reliably reported that approximately one thousand Polish refugees who were permitted to remain in Japan for many months, despite their temporary visas, must depart prior to August 15, now residence permits having been refused.

Mediterranean Coasts Ravaged By R.A.F.

CAIRO, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—Heavy R.A.F. attacks on Italian aerodromes in Greece and Sicily as well as in Libya figure in the latest R.A.F. communique.

It says: "Libya.—During Saturday night our bombers attacked several enemy targets in North Africa. Three large fires, accompanied by violent explosions and flying debris, occurred at Tripoli where the dock area was raided. Fires in the neighbourhood of the power-house were visible for a considerable distance from the target."

"Bardia was attacked by an R.A.F. bomber formation and also by aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm. Bombers obtained hits on motor transport, causing explosions and a number of fires."

"Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm made a series of drive attacks and started a number of fires."

"Heavy bombers also attacked the port of Benghazi, where explosions were seen on railway sidings, and the port of Derna where fires followed the attack."

"Greece.—Heavy bombers attacked the aerodrome at Eleusis, starting a fire which is believed to have destroyed a number of aircraft."

"Sicily.—Bombs were dropped on the harbour at Catania on Friday. A 2,000-ton motor vessel at the quay-side was damaged by bombs on and near it."

"From all these operations, our aircraft returned safely."

How Red Infantry Unit Won

MOSCOW, Aug. 10 (Reuter).

—A supplement to to-day's Soviet communique gives a graphic description of a battle as follows:

"Our formation, commanded by Lunyanov, routed two German battalions of the 305th Infantry Regiment and one battalion of motorised infantry. The engagement—with the Fascist troops commenced after two hours of German artillery fire. The Germans attacked our right flank where Lieut-Colonel Stepin was acting. Colonel Stepin's unit, supported by artillery and a group of mine throwers, threw back the first German wave, inflicting heavy losses."

Tanks Wiped Out

"The second attack was also successfully repulsed. After two attacks, the Germans resumed shelling our right flank. An hour later the artillery preparation was suddenly silenced and a German tank group advanced against our right flank. Our troops let it pass into the interior of the defence zone, where it was completely annihilated. Twenty-three enemy tanks were destroyed."

"Enemy infantry, cut off from its flanks, fell under our mine-throwers' fire. Men of the mortar gun crews at Sidorov, Kozhemyakina and Mikoladze distinguished themselves in particular by killing more than 200 enemy soldiers."

"A unit of Colonel Stepin repulsed the enemy and then counter-attacked. Soviet troops destroyed eight German tommy-guns, 11 machine-guns, three lorries and captured over 1,000 shells, a large number of cartridges and a battalion radio transmitter. Over 400 dead German soldiers lay on the battle-field and 200 Germans were captured."

Dispatches reaching Moscow from the 1,800 mile front said that the Germans' failure to reach their three main objectives—Moscow, Kiev and Leningrad—revealed that the blitzkrieg methods had failed against the Red Army.

After rallying from the first blows of the German assault, the Russians are now reported to be solidly entrenched behind the old defences when hemmed in by the Germans and in addition to this they are retaining control of virtually all important industrial and strategic centres in old Russia.

It is officially reported that only a few planes from "the several formations" attacking Moscow early Sunday for the 14th time in 18 nights were able to penetrate the network of night fighters, barrage balloons and anti-aircraft guns.

Eight raiders were shot down before reaching the city and the few that reached it dropped explosives and incendiary bombs setting fire to homes and causing some casualties. The air raid alarm lasted two and a half hours.

The communique described continued day and night fighting along the whole battle front which remained stationary for the entire week. Fighting rages around Korosten, 85 miles northwest of Kiev and also around Smolensk and Belaya-Tserkov, 45 miles south of Kiev.

LATEST

Nazi Advance Admitted

New Soviet Communique

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, Aug. 11 (UP).—The Russian High Command to-day acknowledged that strong German forces have struck closer to Leningrad and have driven deeper into the Ukraine in the vicinity of the important communications centre of Uman.

For the first time in weeks, the Red Army has reported new German advances on the long front. The communique said that in the north, the Red Army is "stubbornly resisting" the Germans in the Soltsi sector, 120 miles south of Leningrad and 40 miles closer to Leningrad than Porkov where the biggest struggle in the north was previously reported to be centred.

On the vital Ukrainian front, the Germans in a new offensive are apparently passing by Kiev to slice into the heart of the Russian "bread basket" and southward upon Odessa. Fighting is under way at Uman, 130 miles south of Kiev along the main railway to Odessa. This is the first mention of Uman in the fighting.

Meanwhile, the battle in which the Germans are attempting to encircle Kiev continued around Belaya-Tserkov, 45 miles southwest, but it is the first time in many days that there has been no mention of fighting around Korosten. It appeared that the Germans have been halted, at least temporarily, in the other battles being waged around Kholm, northwest of Smolensk and around Smolensk the gateway to Moscow.

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The Russian War Front

The Germans are still being well held on all sectors of the long Eastern war front, according to latest Russian claims. The Nazis are attempting a new offensive in the Ukraine, but have made but slight progress. Elsewhere the invaders have been stalled.



Germans Threaten Reprisals Against Russian Guerillas

Special to the "Telegraph"

BERLIN, Aug. 10 (UP).—The Nazis have announced that they will deal ruthlessly with all Russian civilians "whether men, women or children," engaged in guerilla warfare or sabotage. It is not indicated whether a fixed ratio of reprisal—such as shooting ten civilians for every German soldier killed—has been established, but it is explained that methods would be similar to those used in Poland and Serbia. This announcement is regarded as an acknowledgment of the effectiveness of the Russian guerilla activities.

Queen Elizabeth Speaks To People Of America

LONDON, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—"Hardship has only steeled our hearts and strengthened our resolution," declared Her Majesty the Queen in a special broadcast to-night addressed to the American people.

"However great the cost, however long the struggle, justice, freedom, human dignity and kindness shall not perish from the earth."

The text of the broadcast follows: It is just over two years ago since I spoke to the American people and my purpose then was to thank countless friends for much kindness. It is to those same friends, and even of greater kindness, that I want to speak to-day. We, like yourselves, love peace and have not devoted years behind us to TURN TO BACK PAGE, Column 5

An R.A.F. formation which swept across the Channel this afternoon flying in the direction of the French coast between Boulogne and Calais was stated by spectators to be very large.

Shipping Raided

LONDON, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—An attack on German shipping and sweeps over Northern France are reported in an Air Ministry communique issued to-day.

It states: "R.A.F. fighters escorted Heinkel bombers in an attack on enemy shipping off the French coast this morning. A supply ship was hit twice and left burning. An enemy fighter was destroyed by the escort. Two of our bombers and one fighter are missing."

"Our fighters also carried out several sweeps over Northern France during the day. No opposition from enemy fighters was encountered."

U. S. Property In Reich

ZURICH, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—The Berlin correspondent of the "Die Tat" says that according to an official decree, all property in Germany and occupied territories belonging to American citizens must be declared by October 1.

"Facilities" At French Ports Wanted by Nazis

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Aug. 10 (UP).—The "Daily Telegraph" reports that Germany has demanded Vichy, to grant "facilities" at Bizerte, Dakar, Algiers and Casablanca.

Bizerte is only 130 miles from Tripoli, the port and naval-base in western Sicily whereas the route now used to reinforce the Italian and German armies in Libya runs from Catania to Tripoli which is twice the distance. Bizerte is also less accessible to British bombers than Tripoli.

Bizerte would open Tunis to the Axis and result in the extension of field action by General Rommel's African corps from Libya to French North Africa. The African corps is estimated at seventeen divisions.

It is believed that if Vichy yields Bizerte it is thought it would most likely be "because of the more direct American interest in the preservation TURN TO BACK PAGE, Column 3

Plot To Overthrow Iran Govt.

German Activity

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CAIRO, Aug. 10 (UP).—A conspiracy engineered by Germany with the object of overthrowing the Shah Government has been discovered in Iran according to usually reliable unofficial quarters.

The conspiracy was due to break out on August 15 but the Iranian secret police have arrested the conspirators and a number of ring leaders including several foreign cabaret girls who were alleged to be working for Germany.

The German agents won over a considerable number of young Iranian officers many of whom joined the conspiracy and were arrested. All conspirators will be tried by military tribunals.

It is believed that there are about 2,000 foreign cabaret girls in Iran, the majority being in the pay of the Axis.

GERMAN NAVAL ATTACK POSSIBLE

ANKARA, Aug. 11 (Reuter).—

"The German attack against Kiev and Odessa may be supplemented by a naval attack against the Russian Crimea, according to reliable military advice arriving here from Moscow and the southern Russo-German front," states Martin Agronsky, the National Broadcasting Corporation commentator.

Agronsky adds that at the Black Sea port of Constanza and at various points north of Constanza along the Black Sea coast between 250 and 300 naval barges, each capable of carrying 400 shock troops complete with special equipment, have been assembled.

At the same time, for the past few weeks the Nazis have been concentrating, at various points along the Rumanian Black Sea coast near Russia's frontier, parts for at least a further 400 barges of similar troop-carrying capacity.

Reported British Closure Of Thai-Malaya Road

Special to the "Telegraph"

BANGKOK, August 10 (Domei).—Reliable sources disclosed that Britain had already closed the motor road between Thai and Malaya, while heavy fortifications were established 15 to 20 miles behind the boundary.

Trains crossing the border are required to close curtains, it was said. More than 10,000 Chungking troops are said to have been stationed on the Burma border while the airport facilities at Rangoon are being expanded.

Meanwhile, 100 United States made warplanes which arrived at Singapore are reported being as

Japanese Evacuate

A group of Japanese nationals who evacuated Singapore and the Malay States arrived here this afternoon aboard the international train. It is understood that the second group of Japanese evacuees will arrive here on August 13 by train.

Hong Kong News of the Week

A Page For The Evacuees

Monday

August 4

Weather Spoils Bank Holiday. After almost a month, Hongkong was threatened with another typhoon during the week-end but it did not materialize, although the No. 1 signal was up at one time.

First indication that a storm was threatening on Sunday morning, when the No. 1 signal was hoisted. The disturbance at that time was reported 200 miles S.W. of Hongkong. There was heavy rainfall throughout that day but no wind of any great force.

This morning rain continued to fall intermittently and the storm appeared to be moving towards Hongkong for the No. 8 signal was put up at 11.20 a.m. However, the weather cleared following the hoisting of this signal, there was no rain throughout the afternoon and hardly any wind.

At 4.40 p.m. the No. 8 signal was lowered and the No. 1 re-hoisted, after which the following statement was issued by the Observatory.

"The disturbance was formed in the China Sea about 150 miles due south of Hongkong in the early hours of Sunday. It moved west towards Hainan at first and at 6 a.m. was about 200 miles S.W. of the Colony. It then slowed down and recurved north."

"At 6 a.m. on Monday it was situated about 120 miles south-west of Hongkong, moving slowly north. At 2 p.m. the typhoon was about 150 miles W.S.W. of Hongkong, moving N.W. or N.E., and should enter the coast waters of the west of Macao this evening (Monday)."

The typhoon appeared to be moving away from the direction of the Colony, and at 10.40 p.m. the No. 1 signal was lowered.

The heaviest rainfall during the threatened storm was between 1 and 2 a.m. and 8 and 9 a.m. yesterday, when 3.10 inch was recorded. The highest wind velocity was 50 miles an hour at 10.45 a.m.

As a result of the weather, many people were prevented from making full use of their bank holiday. Cinema houses, however, did a roaring trade, full houses being the order of the day.

It is officially announced that owing to a subsidence of earth near Glencliff, at the junction of Wyndham Street and Lower Albert Road, the road has been closed to west and east bound traffic. Traffic may reach Central Police Station either via Arbuthnot Road or Wellington Street.

The subsidence is believed to have been caused by the week-end rains plus the shaking caused by blasting at the A.R.P. tunnel nearby.

"Outlets" Mentality. Mr. Harrison Forman, noted American radio commentator on international affairs, early this morning broadcast a commentary on Hongkong on ZBW short-wave which was relayed to the United States from the National Broadcasting Company.

This was the first NBC broadcast to be made by the N.B.C. from Hongkong, and his three-minute talk, which dealt with Hongkong's attitude to the present "Far East" crisis and the Colony's participation in any eventualities, was herewith reproduced by permission of the author.

Hello NBC. This is Harrison Forman speaking from Hongkong, China; on the opposite side of the globe from most of you in America. It's exactly eight-seventeen in the morning here—Monday morning.

In some respects civilian Hongkong reminds one of an ostrich with its head buried in the sand, repeating to itself "It can't happen here!" The new tension in the Pacific which has arisen this past week or so doesn't seem to worry folks very much. "Just another one of those crises," they say, "it'll blow over—as the others have done before. So business still carries on as usual. There are no visible signs of panic, or even increased apprehension. There is no rush for steamer passage, on the part of either Europeans, or Japanese here. Though I did see a few Japanese the other day buying suitcases and trunks.

As a matter of fact, husbands are still putting up with their wives and kids back to Hongkong—er, is it no crisis. You may remember, perhaps, that during a similar crisis a little over a year ago, the Government evacuated about ninety-percent of the European women and children from Hongkong, most of whom were sent all the way to Australia—about as far from Hongkong as San Francisco.

The Powers-That-Be in Hongkong, however, are no ostriches. There is clear evidence that they mean to defend this place from attack. And it'll not be merely a token defense, either. For Hongkong fairly bristles with big guns, anti-aircraft powered searchlights, barbed wire and camouflage. And plenty of troops too. The harbour is well mined, and a constant air and sea patrol is maintained for many miles out to sea.

Though there is no naval or air force here to speak of, the Japanese can never be too sure but what a British air force, or even a fleet, may suddenly make their appearance. Unquestionably, an attack on Britain out here would result in an immediate British military alliance with China—with co-operative action.

Meanwhile, for the immediate protection of Hongkong's millions and a half civilians from an air blitz, the military engineers of the colony have been literally honeycombed with an elaborate system of tunnels drilled deep into the solid rock, with entrances opening right off the streets. Drilled in the direction of a firm of American mining engineers, these tunnel-shelters vary in capacity from a thousand to one accommodating over thirty thousand people.

I now return you to NBC. Prof. Hsu's death. A death occurred suddenly about 2.15 p.m. to-day of Professor Hsu Tsi-shan, Chairman of the Chinese Department of the Hongkong University. Prof. Hsu had been slightly indisposed since July 29, and was last seen by his doctor about 11 a.m. yesterday when the Professor's condition appeared to be satisfactory. He had a sudden seizure after dinner, however, and died before medical aid could be summoned. He was 47 years old.

The late Professor Hsu has been in Hongkong for about six years, and counts a large circle of friends among the community. His sympathies and understanding nature having made him very popular.

Tuesday

August 5

Funeral of Prof. Hsu. Hundreds of people attended the funeral to-day of the late Professor Hsu Tsi-shan, Chairman of the Chinese Department of the Hongkong University. Prof. Hsu died suddenly on Monday at his residence in Robinson Road after having been slightly indisposed since July 29.

The remains of the late Prof. Hsu were conveyed from his home to the Great Hall of the University at 2 p.m. by Messrs John Anderson & Company, and on top of the casket rested a wreath from the widow. The casket was placed in an elevated position on the platform and behind it, surrounded with flowers, was a portrait of the late Prof. Hsu.

Before 3 p.m. the Hall was filled to capacity, and shortly afterwards the funeral service was held. Ten minutes later Bishop R. O. Hall, accompanied by the Rev. Cheung Chuk-ling and Dr. T. C. Chao, entered to conduct the service. Clergy members of the "Yat Chi" Church choir rendered appropriate hymns.

At the end of the service, the casket was conveyed from the Hall, the pallbearers comprising Prof. Ma Kien, Mr. Chan Kwai-po and 10 members of the Chinese Society of the University. As the hearse was leaving, the bell of the University was again tolled at the Chinese Christian Cemetery, the Rev. Mr. Cheung officiating. A large concourse of mourners followed the hearse to the cemetery.

The chief mourners were the widow, Miss Hsu Yang-shi (daughter), Mr. Hsu Ling-chun (son), Mr. Hsu Kung-ling (nephew), and Mrs. Ho Chun-lin (niece).

Amongst those present were the Hon. Mr. A. C. North, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Pennerfather, Mr. S. Sherrin Chow, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo and Mrs. Lo, the Hon. Mr. W. N. Thompson, the Hon. Mr. Dr. E. L. de Souza, Mr. Ho Kom-tong, Mr. and Mrs. Mok Ken-sang, Mr. and Mrs. T. Ashton-Hill, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Kwok, Mr. and Mrs. B. Wong, Mr. George She, Mr. M. H. Liao, Mr. B. C. Kelly, S. J., the Rev. H. W. Wells, the Rev. L. Kau-yun, Messrs. Wal Hon-tan, Chan Yu-kok, Lin

Shu-ming, Kan Chieh-hou, S. V. Boxer, S. F. Balfour, Cheng Hui-nien, Y. L. Pao, Wang Wan-wai, Frank Gross, Y. Lo, Hu Pak-mi and Hui Wal-han. Evacuation Question. The Evacuation Commission Committee has decided to send a letter to the Senior Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council, placing the position before him of the husbands in Hongkong in all its aspects, moral, physical, financial, etc., and asking him to place the whole of this before the Council, it having come to the Committee's notice that women are still entering the Colony under one pretext or another.

Certain names were given to the Hon. Secretary by a member of the Committee and enquiries are in progress.

A long time was spent considering the letter to be sent to Lord Moyne, Secretary of State for the Colonies. This was afterwards drafted and is now in hand for signature and despatch to London.

The annual position was discussed and referred forward.

Certain points of the "Questionnaire" were given attention and it was decided to refer the questions to the next meeting when it is hoped that the whole of the form will have been returned.

Miss Doreen Ma Weis. The wedding took place on July 28, at the Malate Ma, popular Hongkong socialite, to Mr. Joseph J. Francisco, assistant registrar of the Francisco Law School.

The bride, who is the daughter of Mrs. Olive Grace Ma, was born in Sydney, Australia, and is a graduate of the Wesley Ladies' College, a finishing school in Sydney. She came to Hongkong in 1930. At that time this popular exponent of music and dancing played classic piano-forte pieces. On her arrival, however, she decided to take up jazz, as people here seemed to prefer it, and became one of the most popular jazz players of the Colony. She also played for the A.D.C. shows. For the past two or three seasons she has also played and sung at charity bazaar, and with her mother for Manila last summer.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. Vincente J. Francisco. Miss Ma wore a princess gown of white lace over satin, featuring a V-neckline, long-sleeved sleeves and a long train. A pom-pom of white azucena held her illusion veil in place. She carried an old-fashioned bouquet of azucenas. Immediately after the ceremony, the newlyweds received a group of close friends and relatives in the Blue Room of The Admiral, where a dinner was served.

Review Of The Principal Topics Aug 3 To Aug 9

Wednesday

August 6

Big War Expenditure. Several huge votes went before the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council this afternoon, mainly concerning war expenditure, in connection with defence, essential services, food stocks, and other control measures.

The votes are divided into two main sections. Estimates for 1940-41 totalling \$6,385,098; and Estimates for 1941-42 totalling \$1,120,804. Among items included are \$102,933 for respirators for Essential Services, and sums of \$242,005, \$200,354, and \$24,240, for various A.R.P. needs, in addition to the four millions already sanctioned for the Colony's A.R.P. department.

Other war items include \$121,034 on censorship, \$10,950 to cover loss on importation of livestock last year when the crisis warranted additional food reserves, and very much larger sums also connected with food stocks—\$2,030,168 expended in building up reserves of essential foodstuffs, and in running the Food Control department; \$713,703 in accumulating reserve stock of tinned and frozen meat and butter; and \$159,340 in building up reserve P.W.D. stores. There is also a sum of \$138,720 required towards the expenses of war-time departments, and services, for which there had been no earlier provision. Various smaller amounts are needed for different services arising out of the war and the Colony's defence requirements.

Doctors Needed. The Director of Medical Services has issued a general invitation to all doctors trained in Western medicine methods who have not been admitted to the Hongkong Medical Register, to send their names, addresses, details of medical qualifications and knowledge of languages to Government Medical Headquarters if they are willing to serve in a local emergency.

The Director of Medical Services desires to emphasize that this invitation is addressed primarily to those doctors who are not normally registrable locally, and that the mere offer of services in an emergency does not confer upon such persons any privilege or permission to practise Western medicine for gain in Hongkong between now and the potential emergency.

Hawker Problem. The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, at this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council, moved the following resolution:

That, in the opinion of this Council in view of the great importance of the hawkers question in relation to the hawkers themselves as well as to the general public, Government should appoint a Committee to investigate, consider and report on this question generally with special reference to the following points:—

1. To what extent is the system of hawkers necessary in the interests of the poorer sections of the community.

2. Under what safeguards can hawkers of food be permitted to continue to trade without prejudice to public health.

3. If considerations of public health demand the abolition of food hawking either in whole or in part, how such abolition can best be carried out without inflicting undue hardship on existing hawkers.

4. As regards hawkers rendered unemployed as the result of such abolition of food hawking, what provision should be made for absorbing them in other trades or industries, or what provisions should be made for their relief.

5. Having regard to the existing personnel and duties of the Police Force, how can such abolition of food hawking be carried out effectively.

6. What further legislative measures are necessary to carry out the recommendations of the Committee.

Thursday

August 7

Farewell Presentation. A farewell presentation to Major C. M. Mannery, who has relinquished his post as Chief Air Raid Warden, Kowloon, upon being appointed to other important duties in the Passive Defence of the Colony, was made by members of the Corps of Air Raid Wardens, Kowloon, at the A.R.P. Club-house to-day. The present took the form of a cigar box, complete with two ashtrays and a lighter, inscribed and bearing the A.R.P. emblem.

Making the presentation, Mr. C. E. Terry, Deputy Chief Air Raid Warden, Kowloon, spoke of the valuable services rendered to the Corps by Major Mannery and said that had it not been for his personal efforts, the history of the A.R.P. Kowloon would not have included the rapid and efficient development which it had shown.

Major Mannery, continued Mr. Terry, had also been largely responsible for the acquisition of the Clubhouse and its development, and in recognition of his efforts in this direction, he proposed that he be elected the first Honorary Life Member of the Club.

Major Mannery thanked members of the Corps for their loyal support and said his association with the A.R.P. Kowloon for nearly two and a half years would always be a happy memory.

Expressing appreciation of the gift, Major Mannery suggested that the balance of the subscriptions be given to the Bomber Fund.

Associating himself with the Corps in their sympathy and regret at the departure of Major Mannery, Wing-Comdr A. J. Steele-Perkins, Director of Air Raid Precautions, said the work done by Major Mannery had not only won the admiration of Headquarters but also the Government.

"Though he has relinquished his post," Wing-Comdr Steele-Perkins continued, "Major Mannery will be with you in spirit. Government as you know, consists of a lot of red tape and it takes a long time to get anything done, but with Major Mannery's knowledge papers are going through asking him to accept and wear the uniform of Honorary Chief Air Raid Warden. This is a gesture which I trust—indeed I know—he will accept."

Wing-Comdr Steele-Perkins then went on to say that Major Mannery was turning over his work to Mr. Terry, who he knew would carry on with the same tradition. He also paid a tribute to Colonel E. D. Matthews for stepping into the breach during the absence of Mr. Terry and when Major Mannery "was just sliding away."

Tributes to G.O.C.—Tribute to the services rendered to the Colony by Major-General A. E. Granell, former General Officer Commanding, was paid by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote in the Legislative Council to-day. His Excellency said: "Since Council met last, the honourable and gallant officer who for more than three years has as the Senior Official Member left the Colony and his successor sits in his place."

His Excellency Major-General A. E. Granell served the Colony notably both within and without this Council. The great bulk of the military and naval forces of Hongkong is very largely due to his great energy and soldierly skill and throughout his service here he gave me most valuable help and advice upon the organization of the civil defences of the Colony and when, occasion arose his wise and far-sighted policy of the Council Chamber. Both as Governor of Hongkong and as President of this Council I tender

to him the Government's and the Council's grateful thanks for, and appreciation of, his unsparing labours in the Colony's interests.

We welcome in his place His Excellency Major-General C. M. Malby in whom I am confident we shall find a worthy successor to Major General Granell. (Applause.)

The Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, Sir, may I on behalf of the Unofficials say how much we all appreciate what Major-General Granell has done for us and wish him the very best good fortune in his new job, and may we too welcome Major-General Malby.

The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo: On behalf of my Chinese colleagues and myself, I desire respectfully to associate ourselves with the tribute which has fallen from Your Excellency.

His Excellency Major-General Malby, Sir, may I convey what we have said to my predecessor in writing?

I.E. the Governor: Certainly.

Lawn Bowls.—Six pairs championship bowls matches were played to-day.

The biggest won was registered by A. M. and U. M. Omar when they beat C. G. and W. McCutcheon 3-2 at Police Club.

J. V. Ramsay and R. Morrison registered a handsome win over C. Van and J. C. Remedios 2-0 at Kowloon Bowling Green.

At Police Club D. A. Rozario and J. S. Landolt beat P. A. Peckham and W. McNeill 2-1.

At Kowloon Bowling Green E. G. Post and W. Cameron beat C. R. Pereira and F. X. M. da Silva 2-1.

At Kowloon Cricket Club, H. R. Pinna and B. Basto beat C. M. da Silva and F. X. Soares 3-1.

At Kowloon Football Club, K. C. Hamilton and A. M. Holland beat A. E. Coates and B. W. Bradbury 2-1.

Shorts For Office Workers.—Shorts for male members of their office staffs are now being approved by several business houses in the Colony following a lead given by Government last month.

Time was when shorts were confined strictly to the sports fields, but in later years, particularly the last decade, they have become increasingly common in everyday life and for some years now have been part of the regular summer uniforms of such government officers as the police, revenue officers and health inspectors.

It is understood that what prompted government to move was the fact that many other officers, particularly Public Works Department engineers and officers, who spend their day alternating in office and out-of-office, have found shorts essential for work in the open but have little opportunity for changing when they come to their offices.

Last month heads of government departments were circulated to the effect that shorts would in future be allowed, but while no general order was given it was left to the discretion of the head of the department to approve particular members of his staff.

Several private companies employing many clerical workers have now followed government's lead and are allowing their employees to wear shorts and other casual dress. Long white stockings and a pair of dark socks are required, and the shirt is standard colour and cut.

The rules in one office are that shorts and shirts must be white, but the shirts must be long-sleeved, not having short sleeves. Long white stockings must be worn, as short socks are banned, and ties are optional.

Friday

August 8

10-Year Education Plan.—An extension of Government provision for Chinese primary education, especially for children of the poorer classes, in the form of new Government schools and more generous subsidies to private schools is stated as the most urgent requirement in connection with education in the Colony in the report of the Hongkong Education Department for the year January 1, 1940-March 31, 1941.

It is revealed that a ten-year plan has been drawn up and approved providing ultimately for 50 schools, 20 urban to accommodate about 7,200 children, and 30 rural schools to accommodate from 2,500 to 3,000 children.

The urgent need of playgrounds for schools is also stressed, it being stated that a list of areas for playgrounds has been prepared and submitted to the Town Planner.

Another question needing consideration, says the report, is the strengthening of the Inspectorate.

It is stated that, in the English schools, the curriculum is being broadened to develop handwriting, art and singing, while that of the Chinese schools is under review.

Quater City Plan.—An individual effort to make Hongkong a quater city is being added to the attempts already made by the Police and the Automobile Association towards educating local motorists in driving without the unnecessary sounding of car horns.

While there have already been several prosecutions in Court and several offenders have been fined, the policy of the Police, it is understood, is to invite the co-operation of the motoring public in helping to mitigate the nuisance.

In a special pamphlet issued by the Automobile Association, drivers are requested to refrain from sounding their horns except when absolutely necessary, and then only give a short sharp note, and not a prolonged blast. Owners are also requested to instruct their chauffeurs to observe this rule.

A specially commendable example of public spirit is seen in the effort of a private individual who at his own expense has printed some 3,000 notices in English and Chinese, appealing to motorists for their sincere and earnest co-operation in the reduction of accidents, better driving and less noise in the streets of Hongkong.

Resolute Bay Raids.—Owing to difficulty in repelling the raiding in time the raids at Resolute Bay are being taken over and stored until next season, said Mr. W. J. Carle, Chairman of the Urban

Council, in an interview with a reporter to-day.

The raids, said Mr. Carle, were very badly damaged by the first typhoon this year, particularly the coir matting on top of the buildings and required very substantial repairs. Coir matting took from six weeks to two months to make, and as a result the raids could not be repeated soon enough for the remainder of the swimming season, hence, it had been decided to take them away and have them stored until next season.

Referring to refuse on the beach, which was the subject of a letter in the correspondence column of the "H.K. Post" recently, Mr. Carle said that he had done his best to have the beach cleared of refuse. "We have," he added, "quite a big bunch of coolies clearing the stones from the beach at the beginning of the season but, of course, one typhoon is enough to render the work useless, and bring in more stones, and it certainly removes the sand covering those underneath. We cannot look after the matter all the time."

Wedding.—Two popular Hongkong teachers were married at Christ Church, Kowloon, this afternoon. They were Mr. George George Davies, master at the Diocesan Boys' School, and Miss Margaret Louise (Tracy) Whitley, of the Education Department.

The ceremony was a very quiet one, as the bride's mother and sister had been evacuated to Australia. The Church was festively decorated for the occasion by Mr. George Davies, who was given away by her brother, Mr. T. S. D. Whitley.

The bride, who is the eldest daughter of the late Mr. C. Whitley, of Salween, Cheshire, and Mrs. Whitley of Hongkong and Melbourne, was given away by her brother, Mr. T. S. D. Whitley.

A smart afternoon frock of Ming green with white accessories was worn by the bride, and a band of narrow pleats enhanced the shawl V-neckline, and were enhanced by a band of laurel leaves of the same material across the front yoke seam. The bodice was softly moulded to the body and the skirt flared. To complete the picture, the bride carried a small bouquet of tuber roses.

In attendance on the bride was Mr. M. G. Davies, of Llandover, Carmarthen, who wore a tuxedo and a white shirt, and was attended by Mr. Donald Davidson, as best man.

The honeymoon "is being spent at Resolute Bay."



Saturday

August 9

Lawn Bowls League.—Results in the Lawn Bowls League matches played to-day were more or less as expected. In the First Division, both the "A" and "B" teams of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club were defeated, the former by Craigengower and the latter by Recreio "A". Indian Recreation Club repeated their performance of earlier in the

Quips By "Argus"

With Acknowledgments
Are hawkers necessary to Hongkong life? Some of them are, to insect life.

Kowloon A.R.P. now has an honorary Colonel-in-chief. So far no provision for pensions.

Correspondent thinks ship space occupied by race ponies might be used for food. But in that case what will amateur jockeys use for food?

It seems that the prohibition of smoking while driving applies only to motor cars. Private cars are allowed to turn up anything they want to, including the road.

Now we're to have a special constabulary of 3,000 specially selected men. What we seem to need in an organization of this kind is a few veins, in-grown toenails and angina—something with a nice uniform, a big salute and plenty of authority.

Such is the shortage of fair partners in Hongkong that a Snow White this year might turn up with seven twerps.

The Chinese football team is returning from Australia. Apparently there are already enough Generals in the army down there.

It is reported that there have been 1,200 Chinese suicides in the Colony in twelve months. That's 3 per mille or 13 per millionaires.

A local resident is making a collection of War Posters. To be complete, however, it should include a tax-payer's receipt, a few hairs from a Wavy Navy beard, an A.R.P. tunnel and a grass-widower's hang-over.

According to a visiting American radio commentator, civilian Hongkong has its head buried in the sand. But he's wrong about the reason. It's to keep bull ants out of our cars.

Two more padres are severing their connection with the Colony. So many padres are going, it's going that I wonder if we couldn't all leave another island somewhere and set up shop there temporarily.

By defeating Civil Service, while Police won an aggregate against Kowloon Docks.

Kowloon Tong, though they won their match against Hongkong Football Club, have been displaced at the head of the Second Division by the Kowloon Football Club who, as a result of their clean sweep win against Recreio, are now one point ahead. Talkoo lost to Hongkong Cricket Club on aggregate by one shot, and Kowloon Cricket Club beat Craigengower.

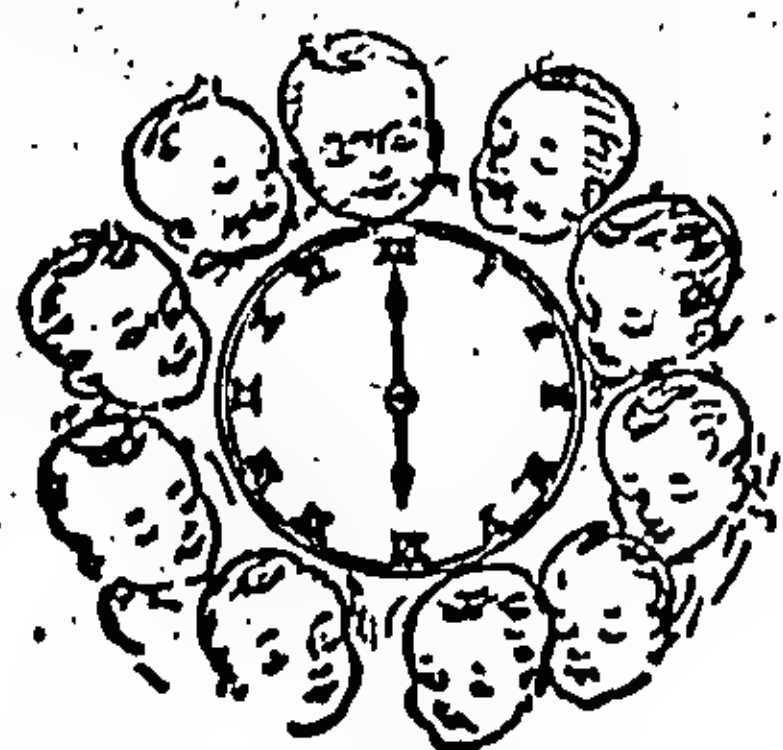
In the Third Division, Kowloon Bowling Green Club considerably enhanced their prospects of winning the Championship as the result of beating Hongkong Electric and the defeat of Craigengower, one of their nearest rivals, by Hongkong Cricket Club.

Two sevens were recorded, one by U. M. Omar's rink and the other by E. G. Post's, while sides were challenged up by M. N. Rakusen's, A. M. Calman's, J. C. Chalmers', R. S. Cassidy's, R. M. Ogden's, L. A. Jordain's and A. E. Carey's.

A.R.P. Inquiry.—His Excellency the Governor has appointed a Commission to conduct a private or public inquiry into the disclosure made at a recent departmental investigation into charges against a Government officer (since dismissed) concerning the payment of a cheque for \$500 for work done for the Government coming under the supervision of the architectural branch of the Air Raid Precautions Department.

The Commission will also inquire into and report on the practice and manner of the preparation and the presentation of contractors' accounts for work and of their certification by Government officers, and will, in particular inquire into whether gifts of cash have been received by any Government officer from contractors engaged on constructional work supervised by the architectural branch of the A.R.P. Department.

The Commission appointed comprises Mr. Justice P. F. Crossall (Chairman), Mr. L. G. F. Bellamy and Mr. S. Hampden. Room with Mr. K. M. A. Barnett as Secretary.



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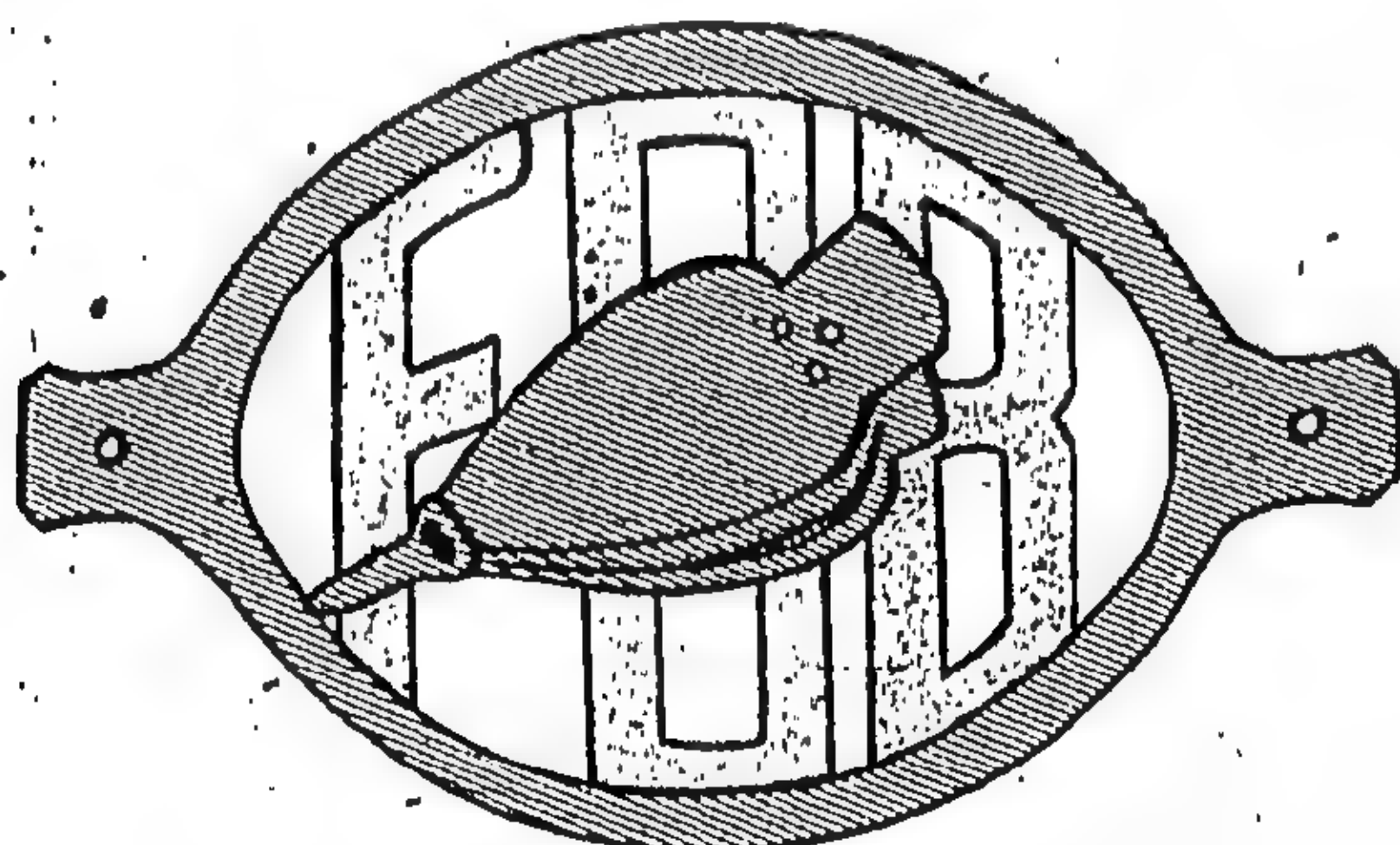
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WARTIME ECONOMICS

LORD Moyne's instructions to the Colonies on war time economics make impressive reading, but just how far they can be applied in Hongkong without upsetting the Colony's economic equilibrium is difficult to anticipate. Undoubtedly there has been an excessive consumption of what can be regarded as non-essentials during a war, but unhappily, it is just these products which have hitherto contributed so much towards Hongkong's financial stability; they are not only revenue producing, but they are the means of employment which would be hard to replace.

It is Hongkong's misfortune that she possesses no great industries which can be converted into essential war productions. Her commerce is that of retailing which depends upon imports. Restriction of those imports must have repercussions likely to involve unemployment and a consequent decrease in living standards. What local industries there are have already been severely hit by shipping restrictions and the gradual but consistent decline in trade figures must be recognised as symptomatic.

The sneaking regard which the authorities have always possessed for income tax in Hongkong will receive further stimulus from Lord Moyne's suggestion that taxation on these lines be brought much closer to the United Kingdom level. In point of fact the only opposition to the introduction of income tax among the more enlightened members of the community is based on the absence of guarantees that it will be applied equitably, or without involving expenditure out of proportion to revenue. Fundamentally income tax will always be regarded as the best form of taxation.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies also desires a great propaganda drive for investing in war savings schemes based on the paramount need of avoiding luxury expenditure. Hongkong is at one with Lord Moyne over this, but the Colony still awaits official announcement of

THE SINKING OF THE GERMAN BATTLESHIP BISMARCK has profoundly altered the balance of naval power in Northern Europe. Germany had two recently completed battleships of the most powerful type, the *Bismarck* and her sister ship the *Tirpitz*. Two other war vessels of this type are under construction but the first cannot be ready for at least twelve months and probably more. The large battle-cruisers *Scharnhorst* and *Gneisenau* are lying seriously disabled in the Brest dockyard. This means that Germany has only one heavy warship ready for action.

It will be necessary for the *Tirpitz* to remain available for naval defence in the Baltic. If she is sent on commerce raiding expeditions into the Atlantic and anything happens to her, then the Russian Baltic Fleet will be in a position to exercise naval command of the whole of the Baltic.

RUSSIAN BALTIC FLEET

Much money has been spent and trouble taken to make the Russian Baltic Fleet efficient in recent years and it is known that great progress has been made. At present it consists of two old but powerful battleships.

NEW BALANCE OF NAVAL POWER

By Lord Strabolgi

These are the *Marat* and the *Oktyabrskaya Revolyutsia* (October Revolution) and four large modern cruisers of the *Kirov* class. There are a number of smaller warships, including thirty modern torpedo-boat-destroyers and about a hundred submarines.

Apart from the *Tirpitz* the German Fleet consists of two pocket battleships, one of which is known to have been badly damaged by torpedo attack, three heavy cruisers, one being the *Prince Eugen*, and four or five light cruisers.

There is also the Swedish Fleet to be taken into account. For coastal work among the islands and straits of the Baltic the Swedish Navy is formidable. It consists of one modern cruiser, the *Gotland*, and five heavily armed coast defence

ships which could give a good account of themselves against any vessel of war in the German Navy with the exception of the *Tirpitz*. In addition the Swedish Navy has five old coast defence ships, twelve torpedo-boat-destroyers, ten large submarines and six small submarines. No doubt the Swedish nation would only enter into conflict with their mighty German neighbour if hard pressed and the German Air Force operating over the Baltic would be a serious menace not only to the Swedish Navy but to the cities and towns of Sweden as well.

It may be that there is a close enough understanding between the Governments of Berlin and Moscow to relieve the German High Command of naval anxieties in the Baltic. Nevertheless German diplomacy roasts as much on the argument of armed force that the loss of the *Tirpitz* would seriously weaken the German position in the North.

ATLANTIC SAFE

The ever-present threat of German fast battleships reaching the Atlantic trade routes by making use of the Norwegian coast has had a serious effect on British naval strategy. There was always the possibility that the *Bismarck* and *Tirpitz* in company could appear on the trade routes and there attack important convoys carrying war material from the U.S.A. to Britain.

It had been necessary to escort the more important convoys with British battleships to meet this very threat. Two of the most powerful units in the British Fleet were in the middle of the Atlantic on convoy duty when the *Bismarck* was first sighted in the Denmark Channel between Iceland and Greenland. They were able to detach themselves from their convoy and take part in the strategical dispositions for the interception of the *Bismarck*.

Now that only the *Tirpitz* is left, even supposing the German

Naval Staff was prepared to risk her also, one battleship will be sufficient to act as a guard for even the most valuable fleet of munition ships.

As the British Fleet now comprises 17 large ships-of-the-line, even after counting the loss of the *Hood*, it is obvious that the whole problem of trade defence against surface raiders has now been eased.

SHIPS FOR PACIFIC

There will now be a larger margin of large and powerful warships to act as a striking force against any attempt at invasion of the British Islands. If less of the more powerful warships are required for trade protection more will be available for actual defence of the British Isles. These very large warships, with their strong deck-armor, anti-aircraft guns, are less vulnerable to attack from the air than are the cruisers four of which have been sunk in the Mediterranean by bombing from aeroplanes since the first attack on Greece by Italy last October.

Another result of the sinking of the *Bismarck* is that it will be possible now for naval reinforcements to be sent for the British Fleet in the Pacific in case of trouble in that ocean.

For all the above reasons the sinking of the *Bismarck* is likely to have wider results than the mere loss of a new and powerful battleship to the German Navy.

Thus an agreement is reported between the Soviet and Swedish Governments for the safeguarding of their mutual interests in the former Baltic States. This agreement may only be of limited scope, but it may lead to closer co-operation for mutual defence and then, but for the *Tirpitz*, the Russian and Swedish Navies will be in a predominating position in the Baltic.

Again, even if the German Government managed to obtain possession of the remainder of the French Navy, this would only add to their strength two capital ships at the most. These are the *Strasbourg*, when the *Bismarck* was first sighted, and the *Richelieu*, which was damaged while lying at Dakar and is understood to have been repaired. Even with these two powerful war vessels the German Navy since the loss of the *Bismarck* would only be able to place three large capital ships in the line of battle and would be in a position of marked inferiority to the British Fleet stationed in North European waters.

HITLER'S ARMY OF HEATHENS

By Charles E. Hewitt

Former President of the
Foreign Correspondents'
Association of Germany

"ONWARD, PAGAN SOLDIERS!" is the battle-song to which Hitler's juggernaut is rolling across the map of Europe.

But Nazi paganism has roused its own executioner—world Christianity uniting to-day in holy anger and a sacred resolve to smash Hitler's heathen hosts and confound them for all time.

Hitler's ruthless armies are the first pagan soldiers to pour across the map of Europe for centuries.

Hitler has laboured tirelessly for six long years to make them so. For their paganism has been as vital a part of his rearmament as any of Krupp's giant cannon.

Secret Police Chief Himmler is leading pagan of the Third Reich, and has organised his army of 300,000 Blackshirts in strict accordance. For three years all members have had to resign from Catholic and Protestant Churches and avow paganism.

THEIR PAGAN CREED

HERE are three of the twenty-five tenets in the official German heathen creed.

To propagate the faith Hitler has mustered over a thousand heathen chaplains into the ranks of the German Army.

1.—We believe no more in the Holy Spirit. We believe in the Holy Blood.

2.—The Holy Land for us is Germany. And its everlasting Empire.

3.—Life brings a Holy Germanic trinity: battle, labour and love. For these are one and inseparable: we love battle—which brings us our great work and our highest joy.

In 1933 nearly 50 per cent. of all German schools were Church schools giving Christian education. To-day not one Church school remains.

Fitting symbol to action, the Reich under the orders of Hitler simultaneously removed the crucifixes which used to hang in each room of the old schools, and replaced them by national decrees—by a bust or picture of Hitler and a swastika.

One portion of the Reich fighting forces, the Brownshirts, has had its own heathenised version of the "Ten Commandments" since 1935.

facilities for purchasing war savings certificates. Apparently the original difficulties were caused by the fact that Hongkong was outside of the sterling bloc. She is now inside the bloc and the Colony awaits with some impatience for an official scheme for the purchase of war savings certificates.

It is the ritual sworn to by each annual muster of Storm-Troopers and party officials, and begins with the following oath, paraphrased from the Christian Creed—where it deals with the Saviour:

"I believe in my Fuehrer not with my understanding, but with my heart and soul."

"GERMAN PRAYER"

"GERMAN Prayer" has for years been on the daily regimen of all schools. It is recited in unison by the class both at the opening and close of each session.

"Guard Adolf Hitler every day
From all our Fuehrer threaten may.

Thou send'st him in our greatest need;
Preserve him, German God, we plead."

Indoor services are regularly held throughout the Reich, always in secular surroundings—in school-houses, gymnasiums, sport auditoriums, and in giant beer-halls.

Nevertheless, much of the traditional Christian forms has been retained. The official "German Heathen Creed," for instance, is couched in verses. Here are two of them:

The German people need no Bible, a book of Jews. Our Holy Scripture is the old Nordic sagas and hero-tales.

In our hundred per cent. Nordic heathenism and our thoroughly German Church, St Paul himself could not be admitted as pastor—nor even as a sexton. Neither could that other Jew—Jesus Christ.

WEDDING GIFT

CHRISTIAN marriage has been tossed into the scrap-heap. By law, every wedding must to-day be performed before a bust or picture of Hitler—and each couple presented, after the ceremony, with a copy of "Mein Kampf."

So completely, indeed, has heathenism identified itself with the new Germany that it has obtained a deep and real hold on millions of German men and women.

Here is an extract from a speech by a prominent school-master, Saelzle, in Southern Germany, but it may be heard from the lips of thousands of German soldiers—or any other group in the population—any day in the week:

"The True Christianity of Nazism has brought us a new Gospel, the Programme of the Fuehrer."

"Our religion creates strong men, does not preserve and pamper the weak. The National Socialist takes the standpoint that our Lord God is he who bestowed upon us Adolf Hitler."

Yes! heathenism, like Hitler's own fanaticism, is one of the factors in Europe's second world war.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON

Restraint Needed

MOST defenders get a sort of fluster, but, to his great annoyance, he dish joy out of over-ruffing the found that the 100 points thus declared. Whether this over-ruff is advisable or not rarely interests them; it is enough apparently that they can take a trick which he expected to add to his pile.

There are many situations that call for stern restraint on the part of a defender. To wit:

Match-point duplicate.
North-South vulnerable.
North dealer.

♠ A 8 6
♥ A 5 4 3
♦ K 7 4 3
♣ J 10 9 7
N
W
E
S
♠ 5 3 2
♥ Q 8 6 2
♦ K 7
♣ A Q 8 5
♠ K Q 4
♥ K J 10 7 6 4 3
♦ 10 2
♣ 9

The bidding:
North. East. South. West.
1♣. 1♥. 1♠. 1♥.
2♣. Pass. 4♥. Pass.
Pass. Pass.

South's jump to four hearts was a bit of a stretch despite his seven-card suit and strength in spades. Three hearts would have been sufficiently aggressive. West should have doubled four hearts; his own hand was very fair and his partner had put in a diamond bid.

The diamond king was opened; East correctly overtook and continued with the queen and jack. From declarer's point of view, the contract depended on finding the queen of hearts, only singly guarded, in East's hand; hence, he correctly ruffed the third diamond with the jack. This created too much of a temptation for West who promptly over-ruffed with the queen and returned a spade. The ace won and the trump ace was cashed; then declarer led a spade to his king and drew West's remaining 8-5 of trumps with the K-10. Of course, at a four hearts doubled contract West set the contract with the club with South the declarer.

There is nothing complicated about this situation, but since it seems to elude thousands of players, I commend it to my readers' attention.

To-morrow's Hand
Rubber bridge.
Both sides vulnerable.
South dealer.

♠ 5 3 2
♥ Q 5 4 2
♦ A 8
♣ A 4 3
♠ A Q 10 6
♥ 7 8
♦ K Q 8 6
♣ J 9
N
W
E
S
♠ K 7 2
♥ A K J 10
♦ A 7 5
♣ K 7

How should this hand be played? At a four hearts doubled contract West set the contract with the club with South the declarer.

NAZIS SUFFER SERIOUS LOSSES IN RUSSIA: SITUATION ANALYSED

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, AUG. 10 (UP).—AUTHORITATIVE CIRCLES TO-DAY ASSERTED THAT REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME OF HOSTILITIES, THE NAZIS HAVE SUFFERED SERIOUS MATERIAL AS WELL AS PSYCHOLOGICAL SETBACKS WHICH ARE ALMOST CERTAIN TO HAVE A PROFOUND INFLUENCE ON HITLER'S FUTURE COURSE.

There appears to be no doubt now but what German calculations have been drastically upset by Russia's strong resistance to the mighty Nazi war machine. Although the German drive apparently gained some momentum during the last few days, Hitler still has yet to achieve a single major objective in the Soviet Union.

Even if the Russian resistance does break within the next few weeks, and the Germans have overrun most of European Russia, the Nazis will still have fallen short on one of their presumed main objectives to secure the vast Ukraine grain supplies to feed the German conquered territories this winter. According to reports here the Russian resistance has enabled the collective farmers to harvest a large part of the crop and much of that which could not be reaped was destroyed.

In addition to this, the stand of the Red Army has admittedly cost Germany heavily in casualties and war materials. All these factors have combined to greatly lessen the attempted invasion of Britain.

At the same time, Britain has been able to conduct unrelenting air attacks against German industrial and military targets which has doubtless, at least in a small measure, injured them. Even the Red Air Force in recent days has managed to pierce Goering's supposedly impenetrable air defences.

In the Atlantic, Britain's position has shown unquestionable improvement and new figures on shipping losses to be released by the Admiralty soon will show, it is reported, that Britain is continuing to gain in the critical Battle of the Atlantic.

Southern Front

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—Berlin correspondents cite military opinion that the fresh German success in the Ukraine is so comprehensive that it has abandoned the great curve of Dnepropetrovsk, Odessa and the Black Sea coast is considered imminent by the German High Command.

The Germans are straining every effort to reach Odessa and Nikolayev, from where they will be possible to threaten Russia's chief armament centre, but it is declared that the victories already won do not mean that a decision has yet been achieved in these extensive operations in the Ukraine.

As regards Marshal Timoshenko's appeal to the local population to destroy anything likely to be useful to the invader, it is pointed out that the German military authorities do not assume responsibility for the feeding and the safety of populations where guerrilla sabotage is practised. The "Nybergs" report that guerrilla bands are still active behind the German lines, sabotaging and holding farms and even villages.

Northern Front

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—The cutting off of several Russian divisions is claimed in a Finnish communiqué.

It says that the enemy's fortified positions have been broken through and that wedges have been driven as far as Lake Ladoga. Several enemy divisions have been cut off. There have been great enemy losses of men and material owing to obstinate resistance.

It adds that the completion of encirclement and destruction of the enemy is continuing, but does not mention a single place.

Soviet Guerrillas Active

MOSCOW, Aug. 10 (UP).—The Soviet Information Bureau this evening announced that a Red Army unit under command of Major Buzinovsky smashed a column of Fascist tanks which proceeded during the night time toward one sector of the front. Thirty damaged tanks remained on the battlefield.

Soviet guerrillas are waging a fierce struggle in districts in the Chernovitsky region which are occupied by German and Rumanian troops. A guerrilla detachment in "Soviet Kukovina" laid an ambush on a highway and captured a car with three German staff officers who were killed.

Great activity was displayed by a guerrilla detachment at Lvov where the workers are commanded by a factory manager. In four weeks, the guerrillas were in ten engagements in which many Germans were killed as well as over 200 Fascists. They destroyed eight German tanks, 25 trucks, 12 light and heavy guns and much other equipment.

Bridges Blown Up

One guerrilla detachment blew up several bridges and annihilated the German-Finnish garrisons at three frontier settlements and destroyed two Finnish ammunition trains. The detachment established connections with several other guerrilla groups.

A revolt of Albanian peasants against Italian usurpers broke out in several villages north of the town of Zergany. Detachments of troops were sent by the occupation authorities from Greece to suppress the revolt but were smashed by the insurgents. The Albanians captured four Italian mountain guns, eight machine-guns and a large number of hand grenades.

Late Communiqué

MOSCOW, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—The following is the text of a communiqué issued by the Soviet Information Bureau at 10.30 p.m. G.M.T.

IS ROT SETTING IN?

"On August 10 our troops continued fighting stubbornly against the enemy in the directions of Soltsi, Kholm, Smolensk, Byeln-Tserkov and Uman."

"Our air forces in co-operation with the land forces inflicted blows on enemy panzer troops and infantry. On August 9 our air force brought down 45 German aircraft and lost 25 of our own."

"According to precise data now available, during the German raid on Moscow on the night of August 9-10, ten German aircraft were brought down and not eight as previously reported."

"During the day of August 9, our fighters destroyed in addition five German reconnaissance aircraft in the Moscow civil defence zone."

Nazis' Silence

LONDON, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—Following their recent claims of great military successes against the Russians in the Ukraine, the Nazis to-day fell strangely silent about the operations on the eastern front.

The German mid-day communiqué resurrected the well-known phrase that "operations continuing according to plan" but made no specific military claims. Even Goebbels' official news agency—usually so verbose—had little to say about the progress of the fighting.

Where Battles Raging

According to the Moscow communiqué, battles are still raging in the same sectors of the front, namely: Smolensk, where the Nazis have now been held up for weeks after driving an ugly wedge into the Russian lines; Korosten, an important Ukrainian railway town 90 miles northwest of Kiev, the capture of which (Korosten) the Germans recently claimed; and the Estonian sector where the Germans are trying to smash their way through to Leningrad.

A message from Stockholm tonight indicates that the Germans are now trying to modify the sensational claims they made yesterday of the trapping of Soviet forces in southern Ukraine by an encircling movement aiming at cutting off the Black Sea port of Odessa and Nikolayev.

Meanwhile Soviet guerrilla bands, it is officially announced in Moscow, are continuing their work in the German rear. Some of them are operating as far back as Lvov in Poland over 250 miles behind the German lines.

Scorched Earth

ZURICH, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—The thoroughness of Russia's "scorched earth" policy is amply demonstrated by German war films and propaganda reports, according to the Berlin correspondent of the Swiss paper "National Zeitung."

"No town, no village, no settlement remains spared. Hundreds of thousands of dwellings have been razed to the ground," he writes, adding that a German war correspondent who toured the whole front concluded his report saying: "The end of the fighting cannot yet be foreseen."

Berlin Communiqué

BERLIN, Aug. 10 (UP).—To-day's communiqué says that operations are proceeding according to schedule.

Strong forces of the Luftwaffe were particularly successful in attacking armament and plane plants, transportation facilities and public utility establishments at Moscow. Many fires were started in the centre of the city and the north Moscow bend. The Luftwaffe's fight against the Soviet air force was again very successful recently, and the enemy has now lost over 10,000 planes along the entire eastern front including the Finnish sector since June 22.

The Luftwaffe's fight against British provisioning vessels achieved new successes. In daylight raids, German bombers operating near the East Faroe Islands sank a 6,000 ton freighter, and during the night attacked a convoy off the British southwest coast sinking four commercial vessels aggregating 23,000 tons. East of Great Yarmouth a large freighter was set afire.

During the air attacks on the Suez roadstead on the night of August 8, German bombers sank an 8,000 ton vessel and damaged a light British cruiser by bomb hits. Further air attacks were directed last night against several harbours on the Scottish east coast and military establishments in Leicester county. Along the Channel coast the British air force yesterday lost 18 planes in air fights and three by anti-aircraft fire. Only one German plane was lost. No enemy planes entered German territory yesterday.

IS ROT SETTING IN?

Soviets Claim Nazis Want To Pack Up

MOSCOW, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—An appeal by captured German prisoners to their comrades to surrender is quoted in a supplement to a Soviet communiqué.

The supplement describes how the 370th German Regiment of the 63rd Division, which was shipped to Finland from Narvik, attacked a Russian unit and was repulsed with heavy losses from artillery and machine-gun fire and then surrounded.

Many German soldiers, it says, trying to escape, jumped into a lake to swim to the opposite shore but practically all drowned or were shot by Russian snipers. The remainder surrendered in large groups.

A number of prisoners addressed letters to their comrades of the 63rd Division, urging them to surrender. The letter says: "We were thrown from Norway into a senseless and fatal war against Soviet Russia in northern forests and marshes. We do not wish to die to enable Mannerheim and his accomplices to acquire Karelian colonies. The Finnish people hate us and the Russian people meet us with deadly fire. Hitler will perish. It is no use binding your destinies with the destiny of a doomed adventurer. You have an opportunity of saving your lives for your families and liberating Germany."

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Japanese Raid Over Kunming

KUNMING, Aug. 10 (Central News).—Twenty-six Japanese planes raided Kunming at noon to-day. Kept at an altitude of about 5,000 feet by Chinese anti-aircraft fire, the raiders dropped over 100 bombs indiscriminately, causing more than 10 casualties and demolishing about 100 houses.

SIAM, Aug. 10 (Central News).—Hancheng, Siengyung, Siam and Ichuan, Shensi towns, were raided by 42 Japanese planes in five groups yesterday. Incendiary bombs were dropped at Siam.

Nine Japanese planes raided Tai this morning, dropping more than 20 bombs in the outskirts. Damage was slight. A lone Japanese plane reconnaissance Siam.

Central China Withdrawals

CHUNGKING, Aug. 11 (Central News).—Large numbers of Japanese troops in Central China have been transferred to Manchuria recently and puppet troops have been dispatched to take up garrison duties in places where the Japanese have evacuated, according to a Shanghai dispatch.

Organisation and tripping of more puppet troops is intensified. Recently while embarking on Japanese ships for Taingtau for training, many of the 2,000 puppet troops under the command of Tuo Shih-sheng tried to escape. Several deserters were shot dead by Japanese troops on guard.

Carrier Off Amoy

YUNGAN, Aug. 10 (Central News).—A Japanese aircraft-carrier has arrived off Amoy.

Yesterday five planes from the aircraft-carrier attacked Changchow, dropping several bombs. Later they came to Yungan and dropped six bombs in the southern suburbs, causing about ten casualties and wrecking several houses.

One of the raiders was hit by Chinese anti-aircraft fire and crashed in the hills at an undisclosed place.

Larceny By Servant

Cheques Intercepted
Major R. J. L. Penfold and Captain Marsh sent cheques by post to the Samuel Chinn Filling Station but the letters were intercepted.

This morning, Lam Nga-kok, 38, unemployed, was charged before Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon Magistrate's Court by larceny by servant of two cheques and obtaining money by a forged document.

Det-Sergeant W. Summers stated that Defendant was formerly employed at the filling station. Defendant was convicted but remanded three days for him to raise the money to repay to Complainant.

Chinese Emigrants To Peru

Overseas Chinese in Peru who have left the country are allowed to return there provided that they are armed with a "Ficha de Reingreso" (re-entry permit), according to the Peruvian Consulate-General in Hongkong.

The "Ficha de Reingreso" is usually valid for one year but the local Peruvian Consul-General is empowered to extend it one more year. Those without these papers are, however, not permitted to re-enter Peru.

An agreement in this regard, it is learned, was reached between the Chinese Minister to Peru and the Peruvian Minister for Foreign Affairs on April 8, 1940.

No new Chinese emigrants are now allowed to enter that country.

Nazi Plot In Chile Uncovered

SANTIAGO, CHILE, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—It is officially stated that a Nazi plot has been discovered in southern Chile. Several German leaders have been arrested in the towns of Frutillas, Llanquihue, Puerto Varas.

The arrests followed house searches. A quantity of propaganda matter has been seized.

The Minister of the Interior is to make a statement.

Duff-Cooper Flying To Far East

NEW YORK, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—Mr. Alfred Duff-Cooper, newly-appointed British Minister for the Far East, who arrived to-day accompanied by his wife, said in an interview with the press that the British administration in the Far East would be centralised in Singapore and he expressed the belief that the reaction of the Japanese Government to the "strong measures taken by Britain and the United States as the result of Japan's intrusion into Indo-China" had shown a "distinctly steady and healthy effect."

Lease And Lend Aid

To what he described as rumours in the United States that full aid was not being made of Lease and Lend material, Mr. Duff-Cooper declared: "We are now getting a full flow of American production and materials—all of first rate quality."

All had been utilised and were playing a "tremendous part" in Britain's war programme.

Mr. Duff-Cooper listened at La Guardia Airport to the Queen's broadcast. He said that he would remain in the United States for about a fortnight. He would leave for Washington shortly and from there would fly to San Francisco and take Clipper to the east.

Heroes Of Russia

Luftwaffe Humbled

LONDON, Aug. 10 (British Wireless).—The magnitude of recent operations on the eastern front can be gauged from a Moscow Agency message stating that 1,105 awards for bravery have been made.

The decorations include three for women while three men have been awarded the title "Hero of the Soviet Union."

The first of the latter is Captain Bary, who led a battalion, which had been encircled, through "impassable" swamps and repeatedly attacked the enemy from the rear.

The second is Lieutenant Kamenchikov, who single-handed brought down four enemy planes and four more in co-operation with comrades. The third is Junior Lieutenant Bidny, who destroyed five enemy planes single-handed and four more with the help of comrades. His plane was pierced by 20 bullets but is still in service.

Stole Rifle Targets

For breaking into the store of the Taihook Rifle Club and stealing four targets, Lau Chuen, 28, bolshem-maker, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at Central Magistrate's Court this morning.

Sergeant W. L. Kinloch stated that following reports of the thefts of targets inquiries were made and it was found that Defendant had been taking some targets to No. 13 Shing On Street, second floor, Shaokwan, where under a woman's bed the four targets in question were found. Defendant was later arrested in Tai Shuk Street. Altogether 28 targets valued at \$34 were missing and further inquiries were being made.

INTERLUDE IN THAILAND

BANGKOK, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—After a most critical fortnight, members of the Cabinet and diplomats are for the first time sitting back mopping their brows, collecting their thoughts and sorting them out to-day.

A typically shrewd unofficial Thai comment is: "True, we have just been through a hell of a bad time, but it also served to show who our friends are. Of course, we know that we are not yet out of the wood."

Tense Situation

BANGKOK, Aug. 10 (UP).—A tense situation must be felt here judged from the popular radio programme from Naimun Nalkong which occasionally reflects the views of the Suankularb Palace.

The programme instructed the people to stand up against any possible invaders, adding that although independence will be lost, honour will remain.

"Like the Carthaginians," it suggested that the Thai people fight and kill the enemy within and without by every means. Even the use of gas will be justified. Instructions were issued regarding the burning of towns, crops, forests, railways and the destruction of highways, and bridges during retreat.

Disturbances In Occupied Countries

MOSCOW, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—News of disturbances in Yugo-Slavia has been followed by news of similar disturbances in Albania, according to a supplement to the Russian communiqué to-day.

Insurrectionists, it adds, broke up detachments of Italian troops sent to suppress them. As a result of this encounter, the Albanians captured four Italian mountain guns, eight machine-guns and a large number of hand grenades.

Czecho-Slovakia

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—Food supplies in Czecho-Slovakia are becoming steadily worse, according to well-informed foreign circles here who state that even regular civilian rations are frequently unobtainable. In Bratislava the position is so bad that many housewives daily cause disturbances in front of the supply office.

Over 800 persons have been imprisoned in Slovakia in the last four weeks on the charge of being Communists but actually few are Communists, the majority being faithful supporters of the Czecho-Slovak Republic.

Goods traffic has decreased by over three quarters during June owing to sabotage.

Yugo-Slavia

A decree has been published in Belgrade introducing compulsory labour for all between 17 and 45 because German attempts to persuade Serbian peasants and workers to go to work in Germany on the promise of being well fed and well paid have met with no success.

Mock Invasion Of Black Country

LONDON, Aug. 10 (British Wireless).—Big scale civil defence exercises in which the Home Guard, military and civil defence services co-operated were carried out over a wide area of Birmingham and the Black Country during the week-end.

The attacking forces were regular troops while Birmingham was defended by its Home Guards and a force of relief troops composed of British, Free French, Dutch and Czecho-Slovak regulars. It was assumed that an enemy force of two divisions and two panzer regiments were attacking Birmingham from the northwest and to keep the invasion, paratroops were dropped on the south and north sides of the city in the early hours to-day.

At the close of the exercise, General Sir R. G. Finlayson, G.O.C. Western Command, who was in charge of the exercise, expressed his satisfaction. "The exercise," he said, "has taught us particularly the value of liaison between the military and civil services."

Memorial Service For Patriot

Mr. Lofel Pal-hong, late Managing Director of the Chung Hua Book Company and member of the People's Political Council, who died on July 9, was honoured at a memorial service held yesterday at the Confucius Hall in Hongkong, states "Central News."

The service was attended by over 1,000 persons including Government and Party officials visiting in Hongkong, representatives of cultural organisations, the entire staff of the Chung Hua Book Company, and friends and relatives of the deceased.

Scrolls of eulogy were presented by many Government leaders, prominent among whom were Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government, General Wu Tze-shen, Secretary-General of the Central Party Headquarters, Generals Pal Chung-hai, Li Tsung-jen, Li Chi-sen and others.

Mr. Ma Chao-chun, Kuomintang C.E.C. member, officiated at the ceremony while Mr. Y. W. Wang, Managing Director of the Commercial Press, eulogised the life work of the deceased.

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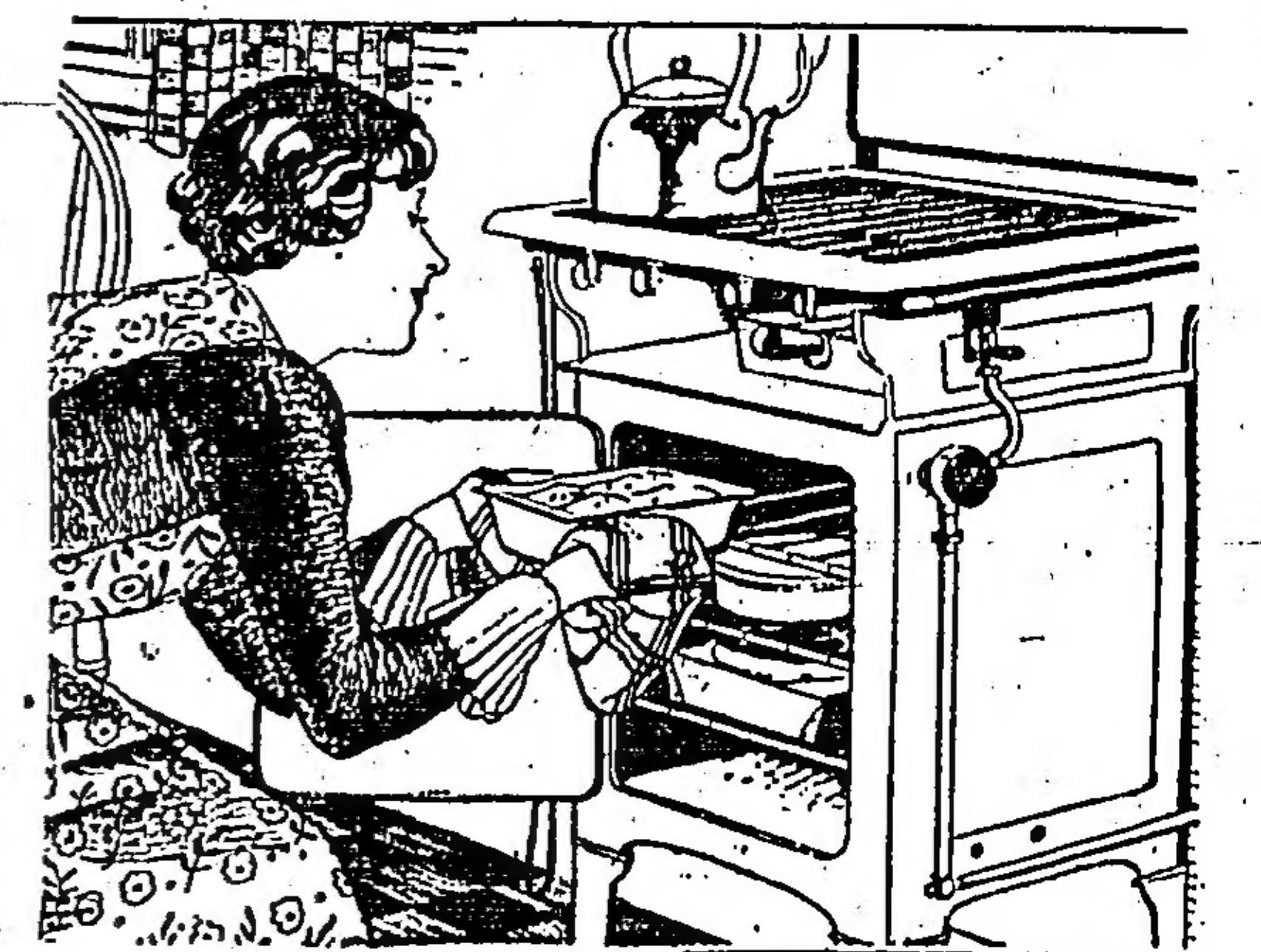
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Chinese Sabotage Train

CHUNGKING, Aug. 10 (Central News).—A southbound Japanese military train on the Canton-Hankow Railway was blown up by Chinese saboteurs with dynamite at Chikukuan, south of Wuchang. About 100 Japanese were killed and 200 were wounded. Arms and provisions were seized by the Chinese.

Thirteen Chinese soldiers made a daring attack on the Japanese troops stationed at Maanshan, southwest of Puchi on the Canton-Hankow Railway in south Hupei, on July 24. They killed more than 20 Japanese officers and men and captured two light machine-guns and eight rifles.

Northwest Frontier And War

PESHAWAR, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—Russia's tenacious resistance to the Nazi invaders had made a deep impression among the tribesmen along the Northwest Frontier, it is learned. The tribesmen are apparently friendly towards Bolshevik principles, full recognise the significance of the Russo-German war.

It is generally held that Muslim countries are next on Hitler's list after Russia. The excuse made by German propagandists that Germany did not intervene in Iraq out of regard for Muslim lives and property was contradicted by raids on Damascus and other holy places and now there are almost daily raids on the civil population in the Suez Canal.

Telephone Subscribers' Novel Strike

When Mexican telephone companies recently upped monthly rates four pesos, 1,000 subscribers in provincial Queretaro got so mad they lifted their receivers right off the hook—and left them down, says "Time."

Not all the rates came down again, said they would they put back their receivers or pay their bills. Last week local managers tore their hair trying to figure how to beat the strike.

Swiss Leaving Shanghai

SHANGHAI, Aug. 10 (Domest).—It is learned that the evacuation of non-essential Swiss in Shanghai is being undertaken by the Swiss Consulate acting under the instructions of the Tokyo Legation.

It is expected that the Swiss in Japan are evacuating to join the group leaving Shanghai. The number of Swiss evacuees will not be large, the colony in Shanghai totaling only 480.

Provocative Actions

Driving Japan And U. S. Into War

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Aug. 10 (UP).—The "Japan Newsweek" in a day editorially stated that the United States and Japan must immediately find means to halt the provocative actions which at present "seem destined, under their own momentum, to drive them into war. At this very moment, the United States is apparently toying with a course of action which, if continued, precipitate war—namely, the virtual stoppage of oil shipments to Japan."

Tit For Tat
TOKYO, Aug. 10 (UP).—The American Embassy to-day informed the office of the Finance Ministry that the United States is prepared to unfreeze funds for Japanese officials in the United States provided that American officials in Japan are treated in a reciprocal manner. Japan has already released British funds on a similar basis and it is expected that she will accept the United States proposal.

MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

Another Effort To Promote Boxing

Local Show May Be Staged
At European Y.M.C.A.

Wrestling On The Bill

(By "Tinker")

IT SEEMS that at long last there is a little more than agitation afoot to promote boxing in Hongkong. Periodically over these many months now one has read challenges in the newspapers, and one has listened to a few individual means that boxing in the Colony is dead, buried and turned to dust, for it does seem that nothing short of a visit by Joe Louis could stir the population into anything like the faintest sign of interest.

A few years ago, Jan Collins, one-time amateur boxing champion of London, arrived in Hongkong, and it was thought and hoped that his presence might result in something being done. But, no. If it weren't for his visits to some of the military tournaments he might not have recommended for what the leather gloves was made.

Intentionally over these years I have not Collins. He has never seemed striving to start something, and his endeavours have been the more discouraging when he compared the conditions that exist in Shanghai, Singapore and Manila with those of this place.

He has been around, and made friends with Joe Charles, the boxing promoter in Manila, and must of the boxes in that port, and he is confident that if there was sufficient inducement it would be a fairly simple matter to have those men travel up to Hongkong to fight here.

However, there is definitely hope. There is a tournament may be arranged sometime in the near future for the benefit of the Hong Kong Fund, and it is hoped that permission may be given to see the European Y.M.C.A. tennis court, to the rear of the building.

It is not unduly stated that an enormous crowd will turn out for this venture, and to accommodate these comparative few to whom the tournament will appeal, it is felt that the tennis court, with additional stands erected, will just fill the bill. Arrangements, in fact, have gone so far as the selection of the boxers. There, however, will not be announced until things are on a more concrete basis.

Topping the programme, too, will be a wrestling bout. When last wrestling was staged in Hongkong—at the Lee Theatre—there was a good turnout. Two Italian wrestlers, at present in the Colony, have agreed to make an appearance, and to those to whom wrestling appeals, I am assured that the bout will be worth watching.

It is not yet decided whether the rules will be those of catch-as-catch-can or whether it will be pure wrestling.

The boxing bouts will be four in number, each to be of six or eight rounds. And to add a touch of humour to the occasion it is proposed to stage a mass boxing encounter—six men blind-folded in the ring together.

If this project materialises, appeal is made to all sportsmen to rally round and assist in a genuine endeavour to set boxing on its feet in Hongkong once more, for if this first show is successful, a more ambitious one is visualised.

Cricket At Home

A British Empire Cricket team beat the London Counties by 67 runs in a one-day match between pioneer clubs of wartime Cricket. British Empire scored 187 and London Counties 120. —Reuter.

New Scottish Soccer Season

Rangers' Double Success

London, Aug. 9. While English Football is still in the throes of domestic trouble, Scottish Soccer, after only a few weeks rest, opened its new season to-day. Glasgow Rangers, the only club running two teams, made a successful start, both winning.

Calcutta Matches

After two drawn games, the military eleven got the better of Mohan Bagan in the I.F.S. Shield replay by one to nil to-day.

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THE COMBINED GALA at the Victoria Recreation Club fulfilled all expectations of success on Saturday night when the combined V.R.C.-Y.M.C.A. beat the combined Chinese Clubs by 14 points to 10 before a capacity crowd. Included among the spectators were His Excellency Major General C. M. Malby, the Hon. Captain A. G. Chaffin, and Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith and Mrs. Smith. Chinese hopes of a victory would have been realised had it not been for the disqualification of their women's relay team in the 300 yards race. One of their swimmers took an alternative but was disqualified. There was only a touch difference in the result.

Surprise of the evening, if it could be called that, for little has been known this year of Paul Thong, who was the victor over David Hutchinson in the 100 yards, which was finished at 57 seconds.

But the most exciting of the relays was the 400 yards mixed race. The lead changed hands several times during the course of the event, and were it not for the great effort of Miss Y. Chum over her four or five yards which had been lost by the previous swimmer, the Chinese would have won.

Second surprise, or perhaps the first, as it was the first event, was the defeat of the V.R.C. women's 100 to the middle relay. The Chinese girls swam a great race and fully deserved their victory.

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Three Of Four Ties Decided On Last Heads

(By "Tinker")

IT IS SELDOM that bowlers are given thrills such as those of yesterday when three of the four matches in the Open Rinks Championship played were decided on the last head only. One of these, too, necessitated two extra heads!

U. M. Omar's rink met A. Hyde Lay's in the last Third Round fixture at the Kowloon P.C. and provided a finish as exciting as could be hoped for. A similar finish was seen at the Kowloon C.C. where A. J. Hall's four eliminated Recoilo's last hope, A. P. Gutters' rink.

Scores in brief were:

At Kowloon C.C.—L. Sykes, W. McNeill, R. Duncan and A. J. Hall beat H. R. Pinn, A. M. Xavier, H. Basto and A. P. Gutters 10-10.
At Club de Recoilo—A. M. Omar, R. M. Omar, B. W. Bradbury and U. M. Omar beat R. P. Phillips, P. Peckham, J. Henson and A. Hyde Lay 10-10.

At Craigengower—W. McNeill, W. Harris, W. R. Hall and J. Shepherd beat P. B. Crawley, R. K. Henson, R. Keckchall and W. Hurling 31-30.

At Civil Service C.C.—J. Henson, A. M. Rumball, A. R. Dallas and M. R. Albus beat W. McNeill, R. V. McGrath, B. Foster and T. Pile 31-16.

At the Kowloon P.C. the Craigengower rink were held by the tenacious tie that featured the playing of the last head. Throughout the match, H. R. Pinn had been bowling brilliantly—over around the back—and on the last end with his opponents 2 in the lead, laid a perfect wood.

It looked to be a possible victory for the Recoilo rink, but A. J. Hall, worthy skip of the Hurling Green four, maintained the high standard he had set in the earlier heads, and with his first wood wicked narrowly to oust Pinn's wood for the shot.

Tony Gutters then succeeded in promoting one of his own front woods to push Hall out and he shot again, but with his last wood, Hall drew perfectly and again took the count.

It was a difficult position that presented itself to Gutters, and it was not surprising nor was he disgraced in failing to improve on it. One of the front woods blocked the last, which was just that bit too narrow.

Thus ended this match which had been featured throughout with its evenness of play. Never at any stage did one side or the other hold any advantage. L. Sykes was steady, but could not approach the form of his opposite number, H. R. Pinn. W. McNeill was the steadiest of the Hurling Green front men, for over the greater number of the earlier heads, R. Duncan was solidly off form. McNeill obeyed his skip's instructions implicitly for the most part.

On the other side, A. M. Xavier was inclined to be shaky, though he stood considerably for the later heads, while B. Basto sent down some fine woods when critical occasions demanded.

It was, without much doubt, a tribute to Hall's bowling that his side won. Gutters was far from rattled, and provided excellent opposition, facts which made Hall's success the more commendable.

Scores were:
A. J. Hall: 2, 0, 2, 2, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1
A. P. Gutters: 2, 0, 2, 2, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1

Omar's Great Win
AGAIN it was a story of the last head at the Club de Recoilo. Leading 10-17 at the end of the 20th, the Craigengower four were in dire danger of being beaten when Hyde Lay and his men succeeded in laying three rounds the jack when it came for the skips to bowl.

J. E. Henson had been playing a great game and he featured prominently in this head, too.

But with his first wood, U. M. Omar once again proved his ability by wicking one of his side woods over for second shot and gave away only one. And try as he did, Hyde Lay could not alter that position.

B. W. Bradbury had his shaky moments, but on the whole, the Craigengower front men were on the mark. They had to be, for in the opposite side, Henson was in great form and very often left a pretty

U. S. S. MINDANAO PENNANT-WINNERS FOR SECOND YEAR

WITH THEIR 27-4 VICTORY over the Royal Engineers on Saturday, U.S.S. Mindanao baseballers retained firm grip on the League pennant and Diagram Shield for the second successive year.

Yesterday's big victory was followed by an almost equal one for the Chung Hwa over the Mauraunding Mohawks yesterday, the score being 10-8 for the Chinese Maroons.

Scores for the Mindanao record-breaking match were:
Mindanao: 4 8 8 8 8 4 0 = 37
R.E. 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 = 1
Runners: 1 2 0 0 0 0 0 = 4
Hits: 1 2 0 1 0 0 1 = 5

Swedish Runner's New World Record

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—The Swedish long distance runner, Haegg, established a new world's record for the 1,500 metres flat race to-day in 3 mins 47.8 secs. The previous holder was Jack Lovelock, New Zealand, whose time was 3 mins 47.8 secs.

problem for U. M. Omar. Phillips and Peckham ably matched their opposites—leaving the whole depending on the last four men.

But as Henson had the better of Bradbury, U. M. Omar had the edge over Hyde Lay.

Scores were:
U. M. Omar: 2, 2, 0, 0, 2, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1
0, 1, 1, 0, 3, 0, 2, 3, 0, 1, 0, 0 = 10
A. Hyde Lay: 0, 0, 4, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0
2, 0, 0, 1, 0, 2, 0, 0, 2, 0, 1 = 18

Chance Wasted
IT IS DOUBTFUL if W. J. Burling will ever again have such a fine chance of winning a match as he did yesterday at Craigengower. This was against J. Shepherd which went over two extra heads.

Actually, the game could have concluded on the 21st when, instead of scoring the 4 that gave them the tie, Burling might have made the tally 5 and won.

He had four woods almost in a row around the jack, and had ought to do but play on to that bunch for the 5th shot. He was wide!

The 22nd head was burnt when Harris took the jack into the adjoining green, and on the last head, McLeod drew a beauty which was not displaced.

Scores were:
J. Shepherd: 2, 0, 3, 0, 0, 0, 4, 2, 0, 0, 0, 1 = 21
W. J. Burling: 2, 2, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0 = 20
0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 4, 2, 0, 0 = 20

Indian Rink Throw
M. R. Abbas and his men gained a deserved victory over T. Pile's four, though the scoring over the first eight heads was very close. For the second half, however, the Indian bowlers established themselves and gradually drew away to the fore.

Scores were:
M. R. Abbas: 0, 2, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1
2, 2, 0, 0, 0, 2, 3, 3, 0, 0, 1 = 21
T. Pile: 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 2, 0 = 16

Rifle Shooting

Police Reserves Seeking Grasett Challenge Trophy

The Police Reserve team make a very determined bid for the Grasett Challenge Trophy when they fired their match against the Police "A" team during the period, July 20 to August 3. Although the latter returned their highest score of the season they could not compete successfully against the excellent marksmanship of P. H. Thong and his team mates. Thong returned the first open sight "possible" of the season.

The detailed scores of this match are:
Police Reserve, A.B.I. P. H. Thong (100), Sgt. O. T. Leung (95), B.I. C. C. Chau (91), B.I. A. C. Chan (90), 377.
Police "A", Sgt. Wall (95), Col. Harman Singh (93), Sgt. Russell (90), Sgt. Purn Singh (88), 340.
Although several teams have made aggregate scores of equal value in past matches, the honour of getting the first "hit" of the season goes to the Middlesex "D" and "E" teams, both of whom surpassed their previous match scores by obtaining 320.

Highest Scores
The highest open sight scores of the period were—P. H. Thong 100, P. H. Thong (Police Reserve) 95, O. T. Leung (Police Reserve) 93, Sgt. Wall (Police Reserve) 95, Sgt. Russell (Police Reserve) 90, Sgt. Purn Singh (Police Reserve) 88, Sgt. Russell (Police Reserve) 90.

In the Aperture Sight League, the R.A.F. team continue to hold their leadership by a small margin, although there is room for considerable improvement in all teams.

Cpl. Henry (R.A.F.) returned the first aperture sight "possible" of the season in the R.A.F. versus Police Reserve "B" match.

Results
Results of matches completed on August 3 were:
First Division
12nd (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Royal Scots 119
13th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. 5th/7th Rajput 319
14th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Middlesex 330
15th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Middlesex 330

Second Division
16th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Royal Scots 330
17th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. 5th/7th Rajput 330
18th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Middlesex 330
19th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Middlesex 330

Third Division
20th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Royal Scots 330
21st (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. 5th/7th Rajput 330
22nd (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Middlesex 330
23rd (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Middlesex 330

Fourth Division
24th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Royal Scots 330
25th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. 5th/7th Rajput 330
26th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Middlesex 330
27th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Middlesex 330

Fifth Division
28th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Royal Scots 330
29th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. 5th/7th Rajput 330
30th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Middlesex 330
31st (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Middlesex 330

Sixth Division
32nd (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Royal Scots 330
33rd (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. 5th/7th Rajput 330
34th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Middlesex 330
35th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Middlesex 330

Seventh Division
36th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Royal Scots 330
37th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. 5th/7th Rajput 330
38th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Middlesex 330
39th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Middlesex 330

Eighth Division
40th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Royal Scots 330
41st (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. 5th/7th Rajput 330
42nd (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Middlesex 330
43rd (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Middlesex 330

Ninth Division
44th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Royal Scots 330
45th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. 5th/7th Rajput 330
46th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Middlesex 330
47th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Middlesex 330

Tenth Division
48th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Royal Scots 330
49th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. 5th/7th Rajput 330
50th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Middlesex 330
51st (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Middlesex 330

Eleventh Division
52nd (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Royal Scots 330
53rd (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. 5th/7th Rajput 330
54th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Middlesex 330
55th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Middlesex 330

Twelfth Division
56th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Royal Scots 330
57th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. 5th/7th Rajput 330
58th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Middlesex 330
59th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Middlesex 330

Thirteenth Division
60th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Royal Scots 330
61st (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. 5th/7th Rajput 330
62nd (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Middlesex 330
63rd (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Middlesex 330

Fourteenth Division
64th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Royal Scots 330
65th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. 5th/7th Rajput 330
66th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Middlesex 330
67th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Middlesex 330

Fifteenth Division
68th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Royal Scots 330
69th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. 5th/7th Rajput 330
70th (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Middlesex 330
71st (F) Coy R.E. 330 v. Middlesex 330

Jacobs Expects Huge Gate For Louis-Nova Bout

NEW YORK, Aug. 10 (Domel).—Joseph Barrow, who came perilously near being toppled from the heavy boxing throne by Billy Conn recently, is scheduled to meet another Tartar in Louis Nova, California's claimant to the heavyweight throne.

Cozing satisfaction, Jacobs, following the signing, told the Press that he expected the gate anywhere from \$700,000 to \$1,000,000 from the fans whom he expected to storm the Graciers for the bout.

R.E. (Shamshupo) 305 v. R.E. (Stonecutters) 344.
R.E. (Stanley) 341 v. R.E. (Collinson) 221.
H.K.C. Police "B" (20 yds.) 203 v. Royal Scots "C" "B" 207.
H.K.C. Police "B" (20 yds.) 330 v. H.K.P. Reserve "A" (20 yds.) 303.
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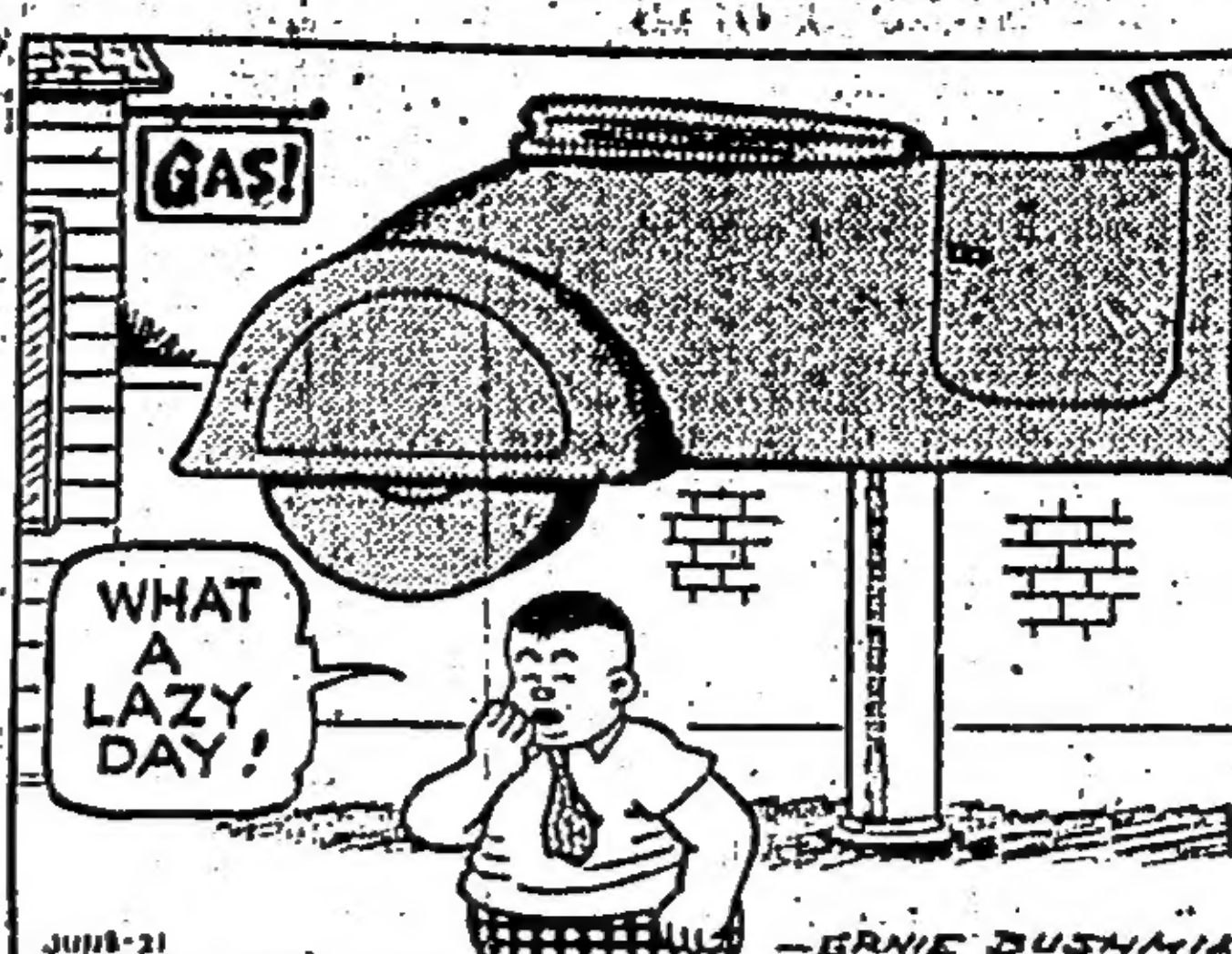
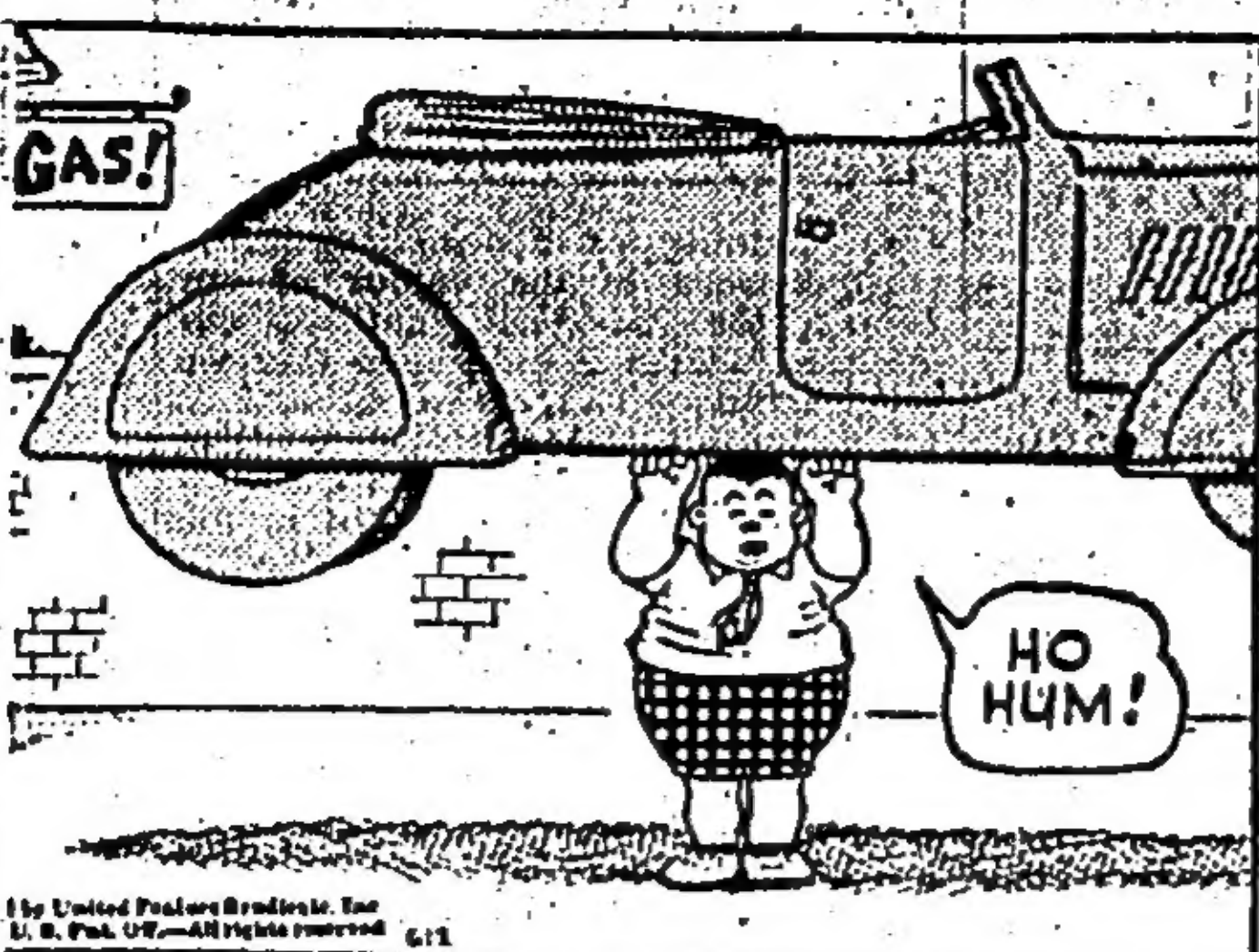
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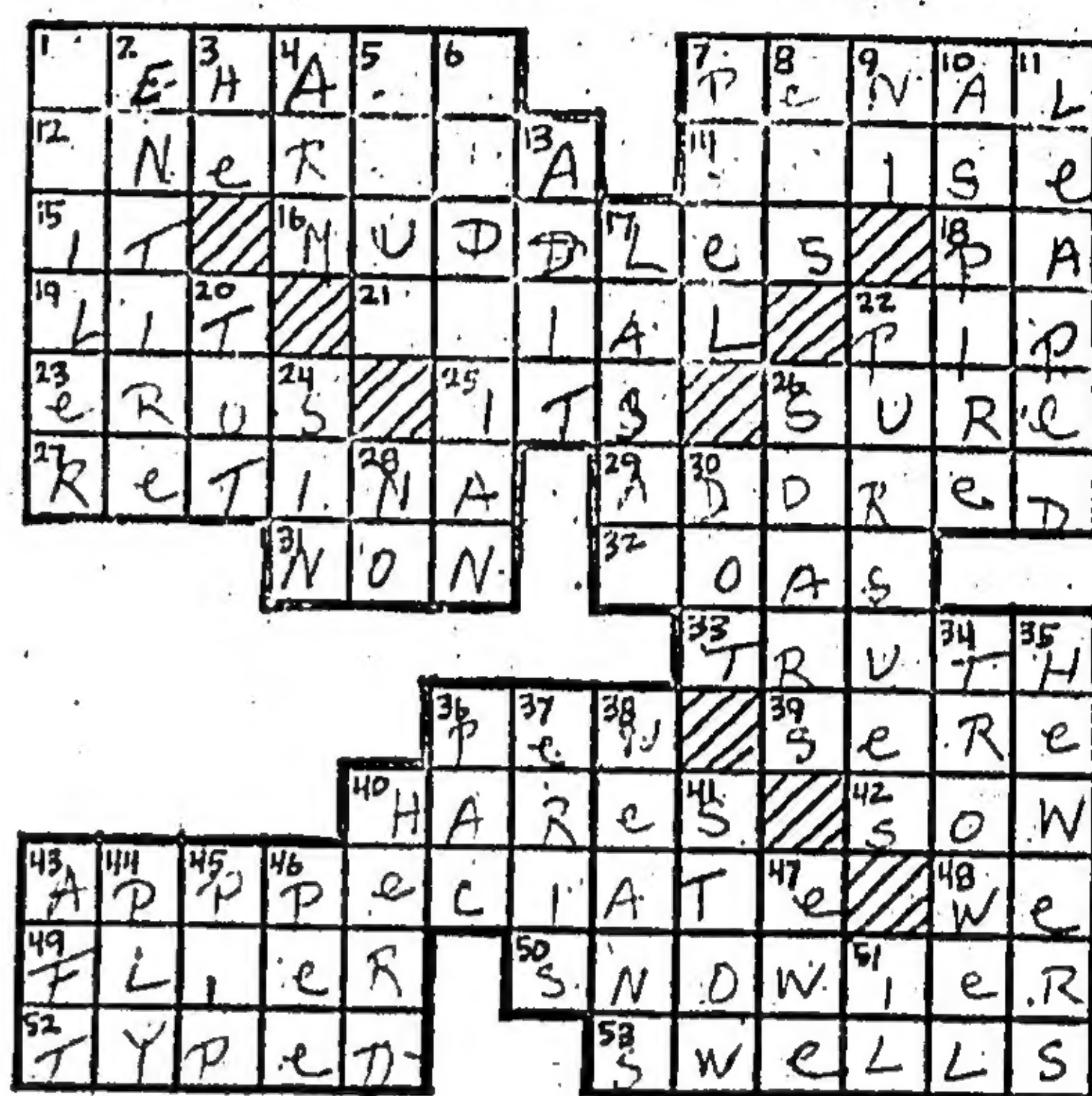


By Ernie Bushmiller

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

- ACROSS
- 1-Name of person
 - 2-Particular to punishment
 - 3-Troublesome burden
 - 4-Fragrant seeds
 - 5-That thing
 - 6-Fate in wrong place
 - 7-Pennsylvania
 - 8-Illuminated
 - 9-Facing direction
 - 10-Voiceless glacial
 - 11-Dreadful disease
 - 12-Dreadful of love
 - 13-That thing in
 - 14-Free from doubt
 - 15-Inner coat of eye
 - 16-Loved with devotion
 - 17-Prentice lack of
 - 18-Indistinct birds
 - 19-Statement corresponding to
 - 20-Heal in church
 - 21-Identical
 - 22-Rabbit-like rodents
 - 23-Plant with seed
 - 24-Are heavily
 - 25-You and I
 - 26-Fast express-train
 - 27-More white and
 - 28-Write on typewriter
 - 29-Increase bulk of
 - 30-Down
 - 31-Device for
 - 32-Complete in all parts
 - 33-That man
 - 34-Tipster limb of body
 - 35-It's name
 - 36-Prentice verbless
 - 37-Metaphorical
 - 38-Symbol for nickel
 - 39-Desire something
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WAR PRISONERS' MAIL BY AIR

The Assistant Postmaster-General, Mr Allan Chapman, announced in the House of Commons recently that an arrangement had been agreed in principle with the German Government whereby letters to and from British prisoners of war in Germany will be conveyed by air between Lisbon and Germany in return for the conveyance by air between the United Kingdom and Lisbon of letters to and from German prisoners of war.

Up to the present, the normal route from Lisbon has been by train through Spain, France and Switzerland. The use of the air service between the United Kingdom and Lisbon has already resulted, in a considerable speeding up of delivery in both directions, and the new scheme which will come into operation upon an agreed date, will improve the service still further, writes a London correspondent.

AIR LOSSES FOR WEEK COMPARED

LONDON, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—The Axis Powers lost 57 planes and the R.A.F. 52 in Western Europe and Middle East during the last week.

Indications of intensive attacks by the R.A.F. over Germany compared with slight Luftwaffe activity over Britain are reflected in the fact that British night losses later Germany and occupied territory were 27 bombers.

Germany lost one bomber at night and two in daylight over Britain. In daylight sweeps across the Channel, 24 British fighters failed to return and 35 German fighters were destroyed. Another German fighter was shot down by a British bomber at night.

The British lost only one machine in the Middle East where 16 Axis aircraft were destroyed. The Navy accounted for another two enemy planes.

During the last war one letter a fortnight, plus one postcard a week, were the limits imposed by the German military authorities upon the letter-writing activities of the British soldiers who had the misfortune to become a "Kaiser's Guest."

This term was Tommy Atkin's interpretation of the "K.G." pointed on his clothing to afford a ready means of identification in the event of escape from an internment camp, and was an abbreviation of Kriegsgefangener—meaning prisoner of war.

When the 1914-18 war was about half way through the British and German Governments decided to transfer an equal number of prisoners from each side to a neutral country. Holland agreed to their accommodation within her border, allotting Scheveningen, the charming seaside town near the Hague, to the British contingent.

Unrestricted Letters

After the camp was set up the Dutch authorities delighted the troops by allowing free postage without restriction of the number of letters. This provided a splendid inducement to overcome fears of correspondence, and the local post office was soon overwhelmed by an avalanche of letters.

Among the prisoners were many British Post Office workers and they came to the assistance of the local staff.

CHUNGKING AIR RAIDS

Foreign Property Hit

CHUNGKING, Aug. 10 (UP).—A giant bomb penetrated the three-storey residence of the American Methodist Mission at 10.25 a.m. to-day, demolished the entire middle section of the building, and blew the plaster off of all the nearby Mission establishments.

In the sixth air raid since Friday, nine Japanese planes at 3.20 p.m. bombed the area around the British Ambassador's residence, which was badly damaged.

Brief Spell From Gaol

Released from jail only a few days ago, Chan So, 37, unemployed, registered his fifteenth conviction when he was found guilty by Mr H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon Magistrate's court on a charge of larceny.

Sergeant J. G. Whitcroft stated that Defendant went to No. 22 Portland Street on Sunday. Upon seeing the door ajar, Defendant sneaked in and took a blanket. He was seen by complainant, Yeung, Wah-ha, married woman, who followed him down to the street and had him arrested.

MENZIES SENSES CRISIS

ADELAIDE, Aug. 10 (Reuter).—"Developments which brooked no delay" was the reason given by Mr R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, for the cancellation of his tour of Australia and his decision to return immediately to Melbourne for a full meeting of the Cabinet, called for noon to-day.

Chinese Products Gallery To Open

After long preparation, the Chinese Products Gallery, at 8 Queen's Road Central, jointly established by the Chinese Goods and Industrial Society, the Overseas Chinese Economic Reconstruction Association and the South Seas Industrial Corporation, will be formally inaugurated on August 16, says "Central News."

A group of Chinese industrial and commercial leaders here, including Messrs Ip Lan-chuen, Yu Yu-ching, Wang Hsiao-lai, P. Gockchin, and Ling Kang-hou, will be present at the inaugural ceremony.



DECLARATION OF WAR—Historic photograph of Nazi Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop reading his anti-Russian declaration to newsmen in Berlin. Dr Otto Dietrich, Nazi press chief, left, and Dr Paul Schmidt, official interpreter, right. Ribbentrop is largely to be blamed for the present war because he told Hitler England would not fight over Poland. He was also responsible for the Russo-German non-aggression pact of 1939. Now he does an about-face.

American Civilians, Industry Feel Wartime Restrictions

NEW YORK, Aug. 6 (UP).—Millions of Atlantic seaboard families will be obliged to make moderate adjustments in their way of living next winter because of anticipated shortage of fuel oil, soft coal, and gasoline.

Russian Woman's Brothel

Mrs Nalda Aleksanova Gracie, a 34-year-old Russian waitress, charged with keeping a brothel at No. 23 Lock Road, ground floor, was fined \$150 or two months' imprisonment by Mr D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning.

Sub-inspector Baxsting stated that he and a party of Police raided the address about 9.45 p.m. on August 8 and found two women and two Europeans in the premises. One of the women allegedly told him that she gave \$40 to Defendant each month.

Choi Lin, a woman, testified that she was one of the women found in the premises on the day in question. Recalled to the witness box later, she admitted telling the inspector that she was a woman of easy virtue.

Defendant in evidence denied that she kept a brothel. She said that she had let the rooms out to witness but did not know her profession.

WANG CHING-WEI'S SHAI PAPER IS BURNT OUT

CHUNGKING, Aug. 10 (Central News).—Owing to the heavy damage sustained as a result of the bombing of its office yesterday, the "Central China Daily News," Wang Ching-wei's paper in Shanghai, failed to appear to-day and may not be able to resume publication for some time.

Three incendiary and explosive bombs were secretly brought in by patriotic workers of the paper. The explosions set the large stock of newsprint on fire and the whole four-storey building soon caught the flames.

The fire lasted for more than four hours. It was seen even on the south banks of the Soochow Creek. Settlement Police and Japanese gendarmes threw a cordon around the place and stopped all traffic.

The total damage is estimated at approximately \$2,500,000.

REVOLUTION IN SIBERIA, REPORT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—NEW YORK, Aug. 10 (UP).—A Finnish radio was heard last night broadcasting that a counter-revolution had broken out in Siberia led by a Russian emigre from Mexico.

The broadcaster said that the rebels are reported to have large quantities of arms and ammunition.

Secretary of the Interior

Harold L. Ickes, who has been appointed Defence Oil Coordinator by President Roosevelt, has meanwhile launched a campaign urging automobile drivers to stop spurring their cars, with consequent waste of pure gasoline driven out through exhaust pipes, and to eliminate non-essential driving to "save oil for our battleships."

Ickes during the spring months was also urging domestic consumers to buy their winter supplies of coal early, hoping thereby to increase by 8,000,000 tons the summer movement of coal from mine to consumer.

Coal Supplies

American coal supplies are, however, adequate for all needs: soft coal production totals 575,000,000 tons yearly compared to estimated needs of 500,000,000. Here again the difficulty arises from an anticipated shortage of transportation facilities next winter.

Additional coal will also be needed by the steel industry to meet increased production demands. The Office of Production Management in Washington recently requested the steel industry to expand its productive capacity by 10,000,000 tons. The proposed increase of 10,000,000 tons will raise the capacity of the industry to about 102,000,000 tons on the basis of indicated plans when expansion programmes now being carried out become effective at the end of this year.

Officials predicted that production of 1942-model automobiles would be cut off more than 20 percent over the 1941 output, which the OPM already has ordered when a survey of sheet and strip steel mills is completed. The rolling mill capacity would then be used to turn out plates for shipbuilding, railway car building, and for other "urgent defence purposes," the OPM said.

Chinese Goods Store In Batavia Planned

Plans for the establishment of a department store for Chinese products in Batavia are now under consideration by a group of prominent Chinese industrialists and merchants here under the leadership of Mr Hsiao Njan-yong, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce in Batavia, who is now visiting in Hongkong, says "Central News."

Also under consideration is a plan to market Batavia's sugar products in Hongkong and Shanghai.

With a view to marketing Chinese goods in America, Mr Yu Yung, leading Chinese industrialist, is leaving for there shortly to study the possibilities of marketing Chinese products.

Demands For Rubber

Increasing demands for rubber in the defence and British aid programmes has boosted consumption 200,000 tons above the normal annual level of 600,000 tons, according to defence officials, and the United States may find it necessary to ration supplies of rubber soon despite record imports.

Neoprene—a synthetic rubber used in self-sealing aeroplane gasoline tanks—already has been placed under industry-wide, mandatory priority by OPM priorities director Edward R. Stettinius, Jr.

OPM production director John E. Bickers has asked manufacturers of collapsible tubes used for shaving preparations, toothpaste, paints and adhesives to save 1,000 tons of tin annually by seeking substitutes. Bickers asked manufacturers to curtail one-third of their use of tin for tubes by July 1; two-thirds by Aug. 1; and "All of it" by Sept. 1.

Aluminum And Zinc

On June 11, Priorities Director Stettinius issued orders placing aluminum scrap and zinc under full priority control. A confidential report, recently prepared by defence agencies for the Office of Production Management's Priorities Division, estimated capacity production of the zinc industry this year at 935,000 tons with American and British defence requirements of 275,000 tons and civilian demand at 660,000 tons—leaving a shortage of nearly 230,000 tons. The industry has estimated a 1941 military demand of 400,000 tons.

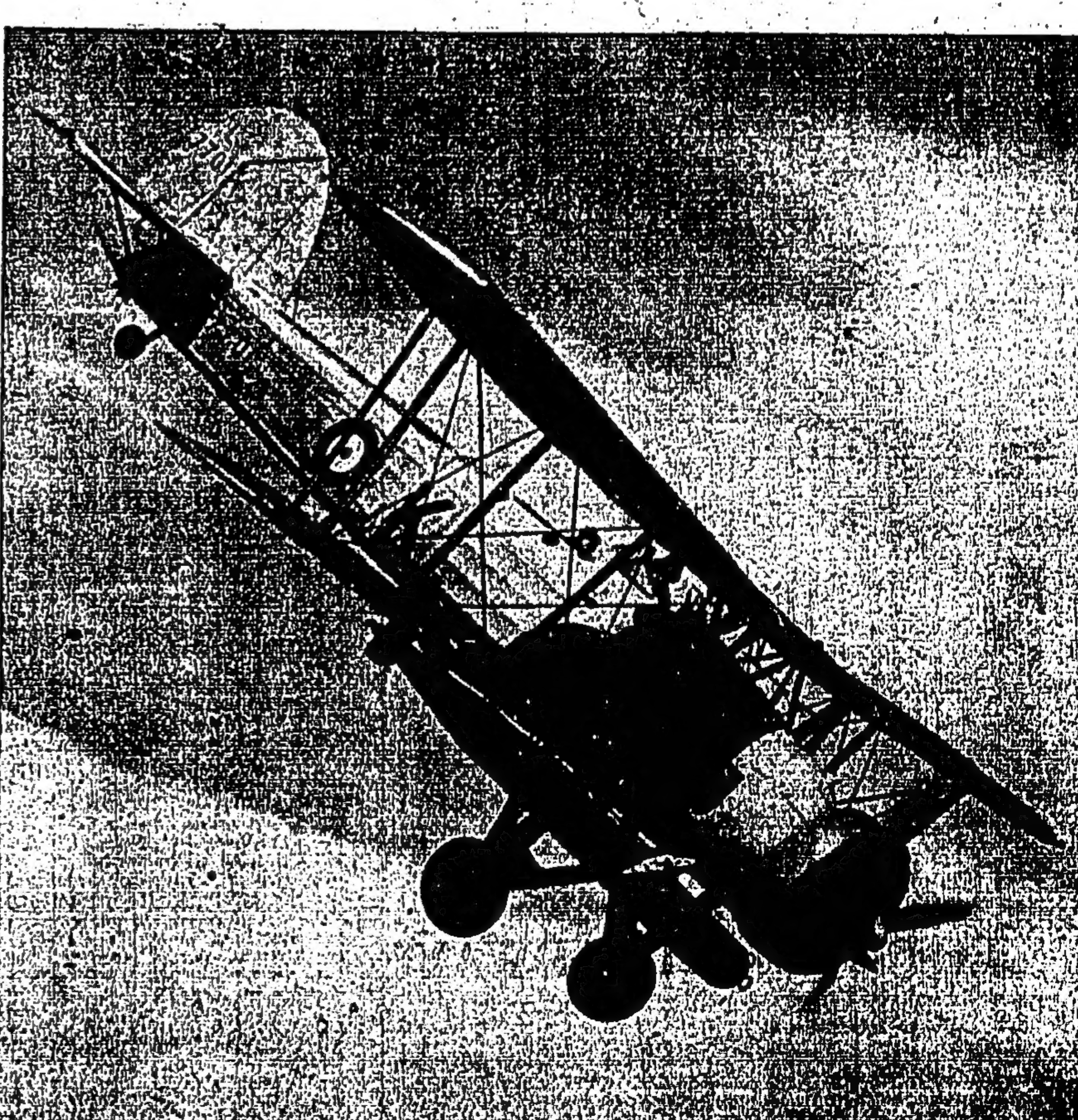
The reports also estimated industry capacity at 935,000 tons during 1942 purposes and, if unchecked, a civilian demand of more than 1,000,000 tons. Allowance was made for some 200,000 tons of zinc concentrates to be imported annually from Newfoundland and Mexico.

The rationing action, if and when taken, would curtail zinc supplies available for the production of civilian galvanised articles such as pails, garbage cans, posts, roofing materials, and hundreds of brass items. The metal will be used to manufacture military brass—30 percent zinc and 70 percent copper—for ordnance, quartermaster construction, shipbuilding and die casting.

Newspapers Affected

In the meantime, it was revealed that newspapers, too, may suffer as a result of shortages in certain strategic metals needed for armament production. Walter E. Wines, American Newspaper Publishers Association mechanical department manager, addressing the 15th annual mechanical conference of the ANPA in Buffalo, N. Y., said that in the near future civilian supplies of tin, which feeds the linotype machines, zinc used in photo-engraving, and cork which is used in making newspaper "mats" will be sharply curtailed because of the demand for these materials for armament.

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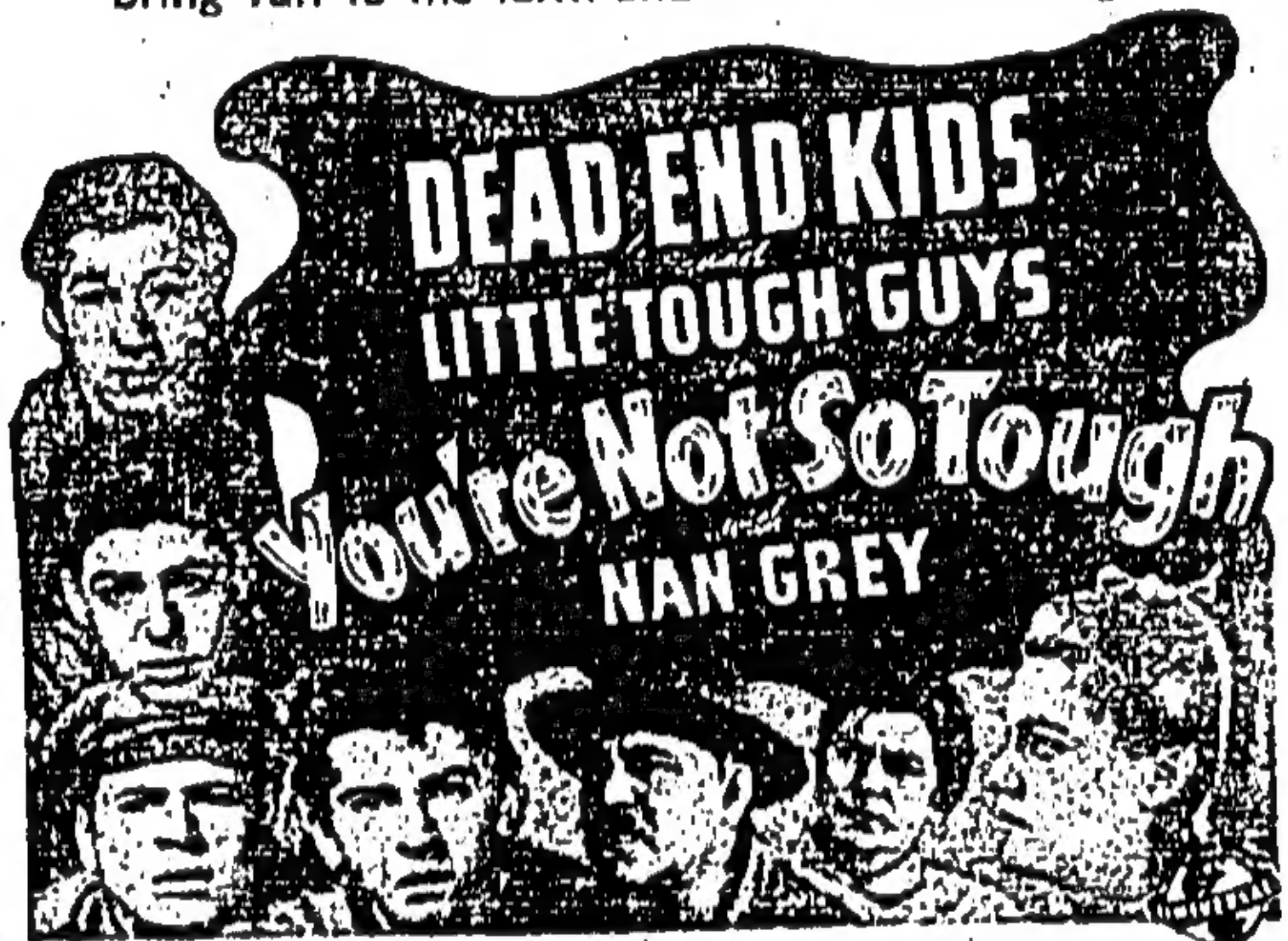


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"Facilities" At French Ports

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of French sovereignty over ports in the Atlantic.

Germans Desire Coast Bases
NEW YORK, Aug. 10 (Reuters).—The meetings of the Vichy leaders who are believed to be discussing German demands tantamount to, according to Germany, full use of strategic Atlantic bases on the French-African coast are being closely watched in Washington, according to reports reaching here.

In the event of Vichy agreeing to such German demands, it is reported, the United States is likely to break off diplomatic relations with Vichy at once.

U.S. Interest

The whole question of Western Hemisphere interest in the French possessions is the subject of intensive study in the light of the latest developments in Vichy. President Roosevelt, it is understood, as well as officials in Washington are giving the subject their close attention.

The problem is also believed to be under active discussion with the British authorities. The present German demands on Vichy are believed in Washington to be only part of a broad Nazi plan to gain new strategic bases for intensified air and submarine warfare against shipping in the Atlantic during the winter.

Final Ties With Nazis

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 10 (Reuters).—According to the Berlin correspondent of the newspaper "Demokraten," political circles there believe that the Vichy discussions concern, besides the political relations of France and the Tripartite Alliance, a certain degree of military collaboration, including the defence of France's colonial possessions with German help.

It is believed that Admiral Darlan is willing but that Marshal Petain is hesitant. General Weygand probably shares Marshal Petain's views. Admiral Darlan realises that such an agreement means rupture with the United States but is willing to take the consequences.

Berlin believes that Vichy's next step will be to join the Tripartite Alliance following a definite replacement of the Armistice by peace.

The United States' alleged intentions in West Africa are the subject of lively discussion. Berlin expects American action in the near future.

Political Aspects

VICHY, Aug. 10 (Reuters).—"Political questions" played an important part in the Vichy Ministers' discussions on Saturday, according to a Vichy news agency statement.

"For some time," the statement continues, "the subjects of the occupied zone have been developing the idea that a general re-shuffling of the Government is necessary if a new impulse be given to general policy, especially foreign policy. In any case, the problems of external and internal policy seem to be closely linked. The subjects which formed part of yesterday's deliberations are able to be examined under this double aspect."

"Great importance continues to be attached to the part which M. Joseph Barthélemy, Minister of Justice, played in the exchanges of views. It is rumoured that he is the author of a report of a juridical nature regarding the application of the Armistice terms."

Unofficial Meeting

VICHY, Aug. 10 (UP).—Members of the French Cabinet held an unofficial meeting at 5 p.m. to-day after Marshal Petain, crawling from the racer where he spent the afternoon with General Weygand. It was not a full Cabinet meeting but most Cabinet members met at the Parc Hotel to continue negotiations with General Weygand which began yesterday.

While Marshal Petain was at the race track, he was joined by M. Caplain, the French Ambassador to Germany who is in charge of prisoners' affairs and who arrived directly from Berlin where, it is believed, he negotiated with the German authorities for the liberation of more categories of prisoners.

Bonnet In Vichy

LONDON, Aug. 10 (Reuters).—M. Paul Bonnet, the former French Foreign Minister, has arrived in Vichy, reports the German radio.

The announcer added: "Bonnet has always pressed Marshal Petain to collaborate with Germany."

A Vichy dispatch quoted by the German radio states that according to rumours prevailing in Vichy, Admiral Darlan is to be made "Admiral of France" owing to his "outstanding merits." He will also be raised to a military rank giving him greater authority in regard to military matters.

Germans Threaten

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had shot down over 10,000 Soviet planes in seven weeks. It also claimed that the Red Army losses are rapidly nearing 5,000,000 dead, wounded and captured.

Statements issued by Nazi spokesmen indicated that Odessa and the Nikolayev naval base, 75 miles north-east of Odessa, were the immediate German objectives rather than the Ukraine capital of Kiev which is reported as being steadily encircled after the fall of the highway town of Korosten, 85 miles north-west.

The wiping out of General Budenny's troops in the pocket 130 miles south of Kiev and midway between Kiev and Odessa is claimed to have brought nearer the fall of Odessa, as well as tightening the encirclement of Kiev.

Alexandria Raider Is Forced Down

CAIRO, Aug. 10 (Reuters).—It is now revealed that a German plane made a forced landing at Lake Doro, about 50 miles east of Alexandria, during an attempted raid on the Nile delta last week. The four occupants were taken prisoner. Two of them were wounded.

GIRL'S MAGIC HANDS

Magic hands heal and soothe the bomb-shocked nerves of people in South Kensington, London.

They belong to A.R.P. Warden Sylvia Schwegge, who can convey all the sensations of a pulsating electric motor through her hands as she massages those who come to her post for First Aid.

Her mysterious touch, which a Harley-street physician admits he has never seen before, also brings paralyzed muscles back into use and restores sleep to the young and old.

Sylvia Schwegge discovered her gift by accident. Once secretary to a South African M.P., she went to Britain on a trip.

Sea Victim

"One day, shortly after I arrived," she told the "Sunday Chronicle," "a friend showed me how to massage, and I discovered that by controlling my muscles I could produce this strange vibrating sensation."

At the outbreak of war I visited a famous Harley-street specialist and showed him what I could do. He told me he had never seen a similar case, and was sure that my hands are very rare.

He encouraged me to use them, saying it was just what was needed to restore the health of the bomb-shocked.

At the present moment, however, Miss Schwegge is trying to heal the nerves of a girl bombed out in London, but at sea. This patient is suffering from shock as the result of being bombed, machine-gunned, and exposed for many hours in an open boat.

Schoolboys Bag Nazi Airman

While watch was being kept in South of England woodland country for the third member of a Nazi bomber crew shot down by one of our fighters, three schoolboys were taking the airman in a motor-car to the police station.

The lads, Edward and David Smith, twin brothers, aged 17, and Desmond Mercer, aged 17, all of whom are evacuated to the country from bombed towns, discovered the airman after they had been to see the wreckage of his plane.

"We had driven about two miles on our homeward journey," they said, "when we found him lying at the side of a lonely road waving his arms feebly. He had been badly wounded in the leg."

"The German asked us for water, but someone else came along and gave him milk to drink and cucumber sandwiches to eat. The airman had attended to his wound, dressing his leg with splints made from pieces of wood bound with parachute cloth. He had been crawling through woodland since he was shot down and was obviously relieved to get in the car. We soon drove him three miles to the police station."

LATE NEWS

Blake Pier Incident

Inquiry Opens Into Man's Death

An inquiry into the death of Wong Wah, who collapsed and died on Blake Pier on July 9, was held this afternoon before Mr H. G. Sheldon, who sat with a jury comprising Mr T. W. Tate (foreman), Mr R. Tong and Mr Fung Fu-sang.

Mr Sheldon in outlining the case said that deceased was employed by a wall-walla company. A Mr Mueller was returning from a party in the early hours of the morning and he was asked if he wanted a wall-walla. He replied in the negative but walked down the steps towards the water. He was asked again if he wished for a motor boat, and it appeared that after this a general scuffle took place.

Wong Wah then apparently took fright, ran on to the road and blew a police whistle. He was answered by a detective, and it appeared that when the police officer appeared on the scene, Wong Wah suddenly collapsed, after complaining that he had been struck.

Medical evidence showed that the cause of death was beri-beri and heart failure. There was no evidence to show that the man had been struck.

However, police received a curious letter from two boys who were now in Macao, alleging that they saw the Chinese detective hit Wong Wah with the butt of his revolver.

Mr Sheldon said that if the jury felt the evidence was insufficient to reach a verdict, efforts would be made to find the boys who had sent the letter, and the inquiry would be postponed accordingly.

Queen Elizabeth Speaks To America

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the planning of death destruction. As yet save in the valour of our people, we have not matched our enemies and it is only now that we are beginning to marshal around us in their full strength the devotion and resources of our great British family of nations which will in the end, please God, assuredly prevail.

Courage of People

Through these waiting months, a heavy burden is being borne by our people. As I go amongst them, I marvel at their unshakable constancy. In many cities, their homes are left in ruins as are many of those ancient buildings which you know and love hardly less than we do ourselves.

Women and children have been killed and even sufferers in hospital have not been spared. Yet hardship has only steeled our hearts and strengthened our resolution. Wherever I go, I see bright eyes and smiling faces, for though our road is stony and hard, it is straight and we know that we fight in a great cause. It is not our way in dark days to turn for support to others, but even had we minded so to do, your instant help would have forestalled us.

Generosity Appreciated

The warmth and sympathy of American generosity has touched beyond measure the hearts of all of us living and fighting in these islands. We can never and shall never forget that in the hour of our greatest need, you came forward with clothes for the homeless, food for the hungry, comfort for those who were sorely afflicted.

Canteens, ambulances and medical supplies have come in an unceasing flow from the United States. I find it hard to tell you of our gratitude in adequate terms though I ask you to believe that it is deep and sincere beyond expression.

Things you have seen as I have seen just how your gifts have been put to use, you cannot know perhaps the solace which you have brought to men and women of Britain, who are suffering and toiling in the cause of freedom.

Women's Work

Here in Britain, our women are working in the factory and in the field, turning the lathe and gathering the harvest, for we must have food as well as munitions. Their courage is magnificent, their endurance amazing. I have seen them in many different activities. They are serving in their thousands with Navy, Army and Air Force, driving heavy lorries, cooking, cyphering and typing and everyone of them is working cheerfully and bravely under all conditions. Many are on the land, our precious soil, driving the plough and making a grand job of it. Others are air raid wardens or ambulance drivers, thousands of undaunted women who quietly and calmly face the terrors of night bombings, bringing strength and courage to the people they protect and help.

Word For Nurses

I must give a special word to the nurses, those wonderful women whose devotion and whose heroism will never be forgotten. In the black horror of a bombed hospital, they never falter and though often wounded, think always of their patients and not of themselves. I am sure that you, who set us much more by your home life as we do, how great are the difficulties which our house-wives have to face nowadays and how gallantly they are tackling them.

I could continue the list almost indefinitely, for manifold is the service which our women in Britain are giving. But I want to tell you that whatever the nature of their daily or nightly tasks, they are cheered by the evidence of your thought for them.

Woman To Women

We like to picture you knitting on your porches, serving in your committee rooms and helping in a hundred ways to bring relief to our civilian population here. Though I speak for us all in Britain in thanking all of you in America, I feel that I would like to send a special message of thanks to American women. It gives us strength to know that you have not been content to pass us by on the other side. To us in the time of our tribulation, you have surely shown that compassion which has been for 2,000 years the mark of the good neighbour.

Believe me, and I am speaking for millions of us who know the bitter but also the prouder sorrow of war, we are grateful. We shall not forget your sacrifice. The sympathy which inspires it springs not only from our common speech and traditions, which we share with you, but even more from our common ideals.

Sinful Tyranny

To you tyranny is as sinful as it is to us. To you, the things for which we will fight to the death are no less sacred; and to my mind at any rate your generosity is born of your conviction that we fight to serve a cause that is yours no less than ours; of your high resolve that, however great the cost and however long the struggle, justice and freedom, human dignity and kindness shall not perish from the earth. I look to the day when we shall go forward hand in hand to build a better, kinder and happier world for our children. May God bless you all."

Boxer Fund Studies Are Postponed

CHUNGKING, Aug. 10 (International).—The Board of Directors of the British Boxer Indemnity Fund has announced that owing to the European war no Chinese students will be sent to England to pursue advanced studies this year.

Those who have left Hongkong are recalled.

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Slav Nations Plan To Unite Against Hitler

MOSCOW, Aug. 10 (Reuters).—Representatives of all Slav nations—Poles, Czechs, Serbians, Croats, Slovenes, Macedonians and Montenegrins—spoke at a meeting held in Moscow this afternoon. The meeting was opened by the well-known Soviet Russian writer Alexei Tolstoy.

Tolstoy declared that the Slav world must unite for a speedy and final destruction of the German Fascists. They were united as different groups but as equals. The Slav peoples must hamper, spoil, destroy and annihilate the Fascist war machine everywhere.

The Polish General Jenuhaltis, speaking in Polish, declared that Poland's resistance and sacrifice had thwarted the enemy's plans. The Nazi attack on the Soviet marked the beginning of the ruin of the German Fascists. This struggle for the Slavs was one of life or death.

The speaker said that the Sikorski Government had shown a great measure of political wisdom by entering into a Russo-Polish agreement. The Polish people would support General Sikorski's work. Their duty was to put the agreement into operation immediately. This was no time for doubts. Now they must defeat Hitler.

Poland was now forming an army by the side of the Red Army. Its cadres should soon be filled but all must fight, even those in the rear, but they must use wisdom for the enemy was cunning and cruel.

"The time for vengeance for 1,000 years of murder of the Slavs is at hand. Let us also fight for a better world. German Fascism is not only the enemy of the Slavs, French and English; it also personifies a mean world of violence and slavery."

Czech Unit
LONDON, Aug. 10 (Reuters).—The Czech Foreign Minister announced that a Czech military unit is being

Nazi Peace Offensive In America

LONDON, Aug. 10 (Reuters).—The Nazi peace offensive due to start in America to-morrow is doomed before it is born, said Quentin Reynolds, the American journalist, broadcaster and writer.

Orders have been given to continental newspapers to publish speeches by American "isolationists," said Reynolds.

Addressing Hitler throughout as "Mr Schicklgruber—a name which was yours until you changed it before the last war," Reynolds said that Britain knew all about the now peace offensive. It had died before it was born.

Publicity by Goebbels' agents was arranged to begin to-morrow. "They will say now that a new order has been established, that there is peace in Continental Europe and that American aid or interference would result in civil war in countries which are now happy under German protection. If American persists in helping Britain, it will mean chaos on the Continent."

The American journalist concluded by saying to Hitler: "In the countries in which you hold temporary sway there is no peace but paralysis."

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